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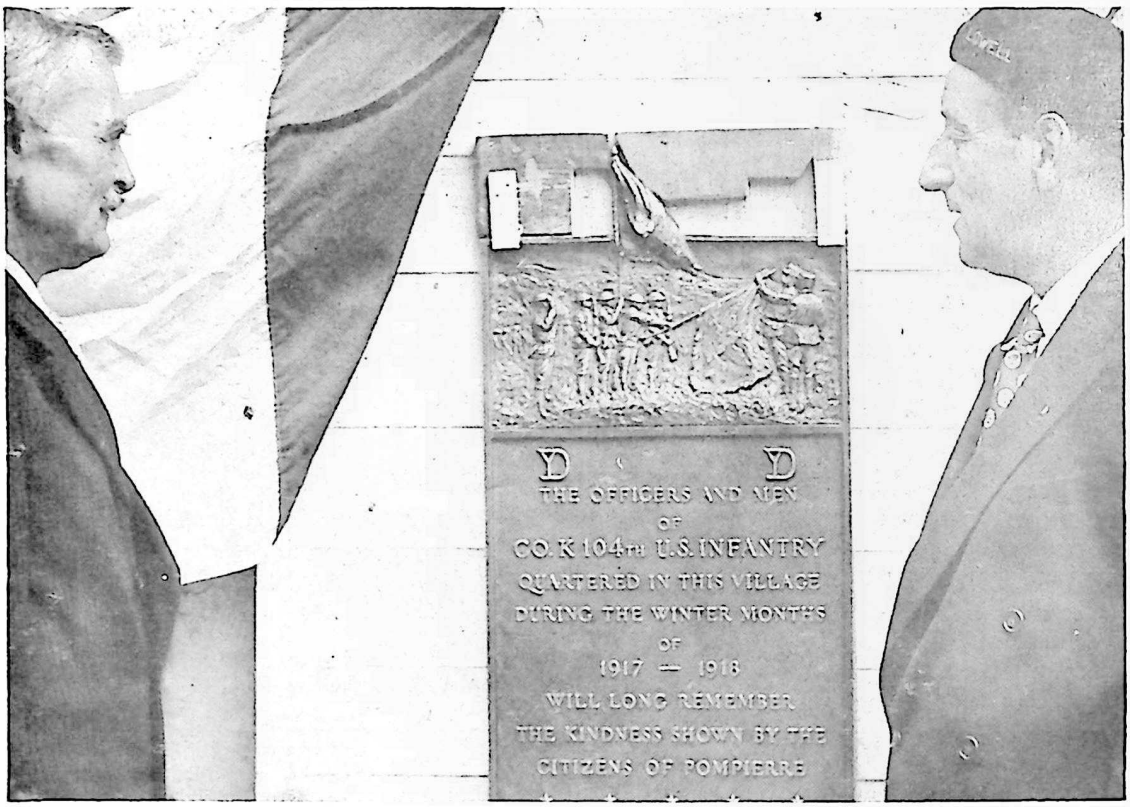

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Mayor Paul and Joe LeMire at unveiling of 104th Infantry Plaque, Pompierre, France. Presented to the town of Pompierre, France, by the Co K, 104th Inf., WW I

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NATIONAL COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Dear Comrades:

The time for nomination of officers for the coming year in Chapters of Y.D.V.A. has arrived.

It would be of great value if some of the younger veterans were selected to serve as officers. These men can be selected from World War II men who have attended the meetings during the year and shown interest in the work done by the Y.D.V.A.

The membership of this organization has a great number of eligible men from World War II. With the new men as the head of Chapters, they can go out and bring other veterans into Y.D.V.A.

Philadelphia and Cleveland Chapters are among those that have the younger veterans as officers, and from all reports, both Chapters are progressing and membership among World War II is growing.

As the veterans of World War I have kept the organization together for many years, their advice to the new officers would be of great value and I know would be given if asked for.

This proposition from your National Commander should be taken seriously by all men in Y.D.V.A., as sooner or later the younger men will have to act on the subject.

Wherever I have gone recently there have been many questions asked about our program of "Juvenile Delinquency". I have been able to give many new details as they have come up and can report that our campaign is progressing and we are reaching a point that we will be able to point out very shortly a specific goal that we will point for in the future.

Do not hesitate to write me, if there are questions which I may be able to answer.

Yours in Comradeship,

Michael P. O'Connor,
National Commander

TOURING EUROPE BY AUTOMOBILE

by

Newton S. Courtney (member Lynn Chapter)

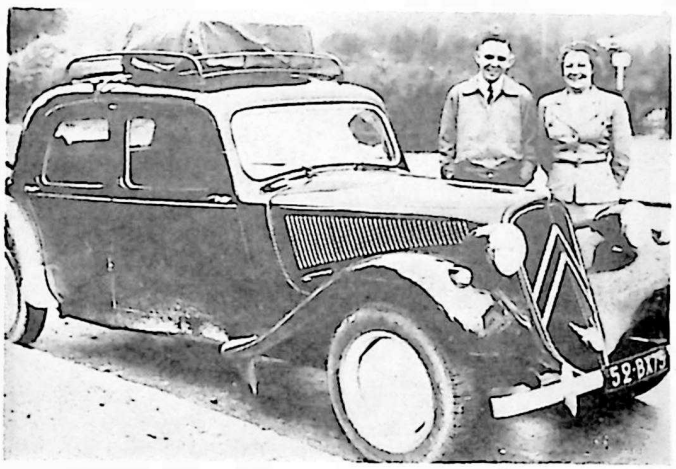
It was a hot summer night last June in Paris. On the rue Beaubourg, not far from Notre Dame is a small French hotel called the Imperator. During World War II the Germans used it to house part of their widespread gestapo. In a corner of the restaurant were seated three persons looking over a mass of papers and maps that were spread out before them. A few minutes previous a man man from the Auto Club of France had driven a new Citroen automobile to the curb and coming inside had presented the lady of the trio with a key for the car and an imposing mass of official looking papers which were to allow the car to pass across frontiers without payment of duties. A mouse in the wall would not have to be too keen of hearing to learn from the conversation that this trio was to commence an auto tour of Europe the next morning—a trip they had planned in minute detail for many months previous. Finally with the hands of the clock pointing toward midnight the three finally left the table and left a call for the unearthly hour of 4:30 the next morning, and went upstairs to dream of their new Great Adventure which would start to unfold on the morrow.

Promptly at five the next morning the bellhops piled the baggage on the roof of the Citroen and the trio seated themselves in the car and with the lady driving, headed toward the Notre Dame. A few minutes later they were passing the Orly Airfield and whizzing alone one of the fine "route Nationales" of France. Within a few hours their passport had been stamped out of France and they were coming to a halt at the Luxembourg frontier. Some little concern was felt about duties that might have to be paid on the large amount of films and photographic equipment being carried in the trunk. A smartly uniformed officer came to the driver and requested her passport which he took to his office and promptly stamped. He returned the precious document and politely touching his cap said "You may pass now". This, notwithstanding that several cars were being searched by other officers. We were to learn that the American Passport is almost like a magic key of entrance to most of the European countries. In travelling more than 5000 miles and crossing almost every frontier in Europe our baggage or car was not searched once, nor were we asked what was in the baggage.

A stop in quaint Luxembourg City for a few hours to look at some of the articles of beauty made in this little duchy, was made, thence on to Belgium where we were accorded the same courteous treatment.

Bastogne was our first stop. General McAuliffe's name is everywhere—McAuliffe Place, McAuliffe Hotel, etc., greets the eye in the main square of Bastogne. In a place of honor is an American tank beside which is placed a huge bust of the famous General. Just outside of the town a memorial is being erected on the spot where McAuliffe delivered his famous reply of "NUTS" when the Germans asked for his surrender. The headquarters buildings used by McAuliffe are now being used for the training of Belgian troops. The memorial being erected is in the shape of a five pointed star and around the outside are engraved the names of every state in the Union.

It was in Bastogne that first contact was made with their unusual "prohibition" law. Since 1914 only wines and beer have been allowed for sale in Belgium except in private clubs. However, American tourists soon find out that with the assistance of a few francs that they are able to purchase their favorite beverage. They are usually requested to be seated in the rear of the restaurant or cafe and away from the windows. This "special" courtesy usually comes high and French Cognac is costing the American tourist about the same price as he would pay for it in America.



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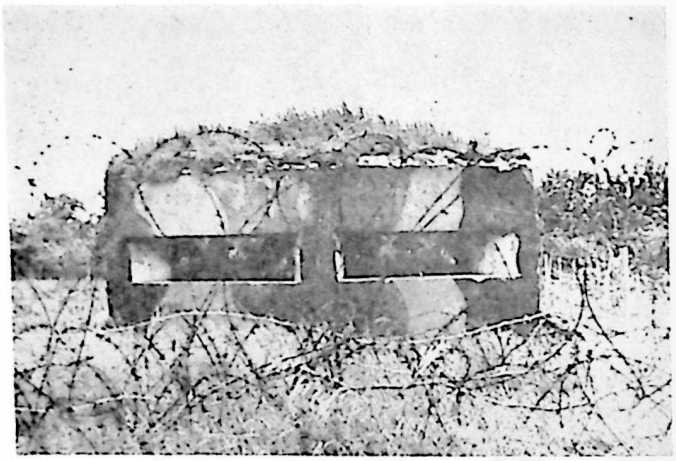
The Citroen car which took us more than 5000 miles through Europe without a breakdown. It is a 1953 four cylinder model and runs about 20 miles on a gallon of gasoline. Our chauffeur Rosemarie is at the right and her assistant is shown beside her. The Citroen sells for about $1600 in American money in Paris.

After Bastogne the Citroen was headed toward Brussels. This carried the trio through the famous battlefields of Waterloo. High on a hill is a statue of the British lion stretched out full length which may be seen many miles distant.

Shortly after passing Waterloo, Brussels was reached. To many tourists Brussels looks like Paris on a small scale. It has the usual night clubs, which like Paris are very high for the quality of entertainment furnished. The next morning the famous "Manikin" statue was visited, since every tourist visiting Brussels MUST see this statue. The statue is that of a well proportioned boy of about 6 years of

age. There is a stream of water coming from the statue where water would be expected to come from a six year old boy. We heard two stories about the "inspiration" for this work of "art". One was that the boy depicted was the son of a royal gardener. The king at that time was not very well liked by many of his subjects so there had been many plots to kill him. One day while the king was seated in the royal garden a lighted bomb was tossed at him and landed beside his feet. The little gardener's boy playing nearby saw the sputtering fuse and without an instant's hesitation he urinated on the fuse and thus saved His Majesty's life. For his heroic deed the boy was made Duke of Flanders by the king—so this story goes. The other story is that the boy was the king's only son



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Part of the old Maginot line near the Franco-Belgium-German border

and one day couldn't be found. The king offered a large reward and said that he would erect a statue depicting his son exactly as they found him. According to this version the little crown prince was found in the position depicted. Usually the statue is nude, but on holidays he is dressed in the appropriate uniform for the day. For instance on the 4th of July he wears an American GI's uniform, on Bastile Day he is a French Poilu and at Christmas he is dressed in a Santa Claus suit. The statue is located in a public square not far from City Hall.

The people of Brussels appear to be taking life easier and at a slower pace than their Parisian brothers. Even the taxis do not tear down the streets as fast as those in Paris. The Belgian franc is somewhat higher in value than the French franc, which means that living costs are higher. Articles manufactured here such as lace and costume jewelry are of very fine quality and are low in price.

Early the next morning we headed for Antwerp—the world's largest inland saltwater port. The writer was here in 1944 when the Germans were making one last all-out attempt to destroy this port. They were throwing their buzzbombs into the city around the clock with deadly accuracy. Troops and civilians alike worked under a terrific strain to unload the ships containing precious war supplies. Many gave their lives during these trying days, and it was only because of the heroic efforts of these men that the war in the ETO ended as quickly as it did. The ports of LeHarve and Cherbourg had not yet been cleared and Antwerp was the only large port where ships could tie up to docks and unload.

Antwerp is also one of the largest diamond centers of the world and merchants and brokers from all over the world come here to purchase stones for a mere fraction of their cost in the States. Many visitors to Antwerp believe it to be one of the prettiest and most interesting cities in Belgium.

— Courtney Photo.

Mr. and Mrs. Leander Maes of Saugus are a fine example of real true Amer.cans. Leander was a World War I member of Company F 101st Engineers and is a member of Lynn YDVA Chapter. Read further details in story.

A few miles north toward the Netherlands lies the little known town of St. Nicholas—and therein lies the story of the making of a real American and incidentally a staunch member of the YDVA. In 1896 Leander Maes, now of Cleveland Avenue, Saugus, was born in this little town. Maes parents moved to America with his sister Louise in 1910, but alas, there just wasn't enough money to take Leander with them. Leander was left behind with relatives and finished his education in the little schoolhouse of St. Nicholas. Sometime during August 1914, Leander's sister Louise was on the high seas on the way to pay him a visit. While enroute to the continent, World War I was declared. Louise arrived in St. Nicholas befor the Germans arrived and daily she and Leander rode their bikes across the Netherland border to visit friends in order to contact their parents to send sufficient funds so that both Leander and Louise could return to America. Then one day German troops arrived and placed heavy restrictions on anyone crossing the Holland-Belgium border. Leander and Louise, still in their teens finally convinced the guards that they had legitimate business and friends in Holland and they were given passes to cross the border during certain hours of the day. Leander was really sweating the days out and did not sleep very well, while waiting for funds to arrive from America. Finally one day late in October of 1914 Leander's Dutch friends had

the money sent by his parents and passage was purchased on the SS Rotterdam sailing from the port of the same name. Needless to say, neither Louise or Leander returned to St. Nicholas again—that is until Leander visited his friends there in 1953.

The Rotterdam arrived in New York and the youngsters lost no time in joining their parents in Medford. Leander was a smart, ambitious boy and soon found employment as a mechanic in Boston. His sister Louise married and is now Mrs. Ralph Romano of Saugus.

When the United States entered the war Leander was among the first to sign with Co. F, 101st Engineers located in the First Corps of Cadets Armory on Columbus Avenue, Boston. He went overseas with them and through all of their campaigns. Returning with the YD in April, 1919, he was honorably discharged just two days after the arrival of his final citizenship papers making him officially an American citizen. The following December he wed a young lady in Medford named Juliette De Vlaminck who was born in the village of Gramont, Belgium, less than twenty miles distant from St. Nicholas. Neither of them knew each other in the land of their birth. The couple have four children, Master Sergeant Charles Maes was killed in action while serving in the Air Force in Africa in 1944. The others are Richard who served in World War II with the Navy, Raymond and Mrs. Mariette Skinner of Lynn.

When Leander learned of plans for the YDVA Pilgrimage he signed up and went over with the group sailing on the SS Flandre. As soon as the YDVA ceremonies were over Mr. and Mrs. Maes boarded the first train out of Paris for Antwerp where they boarded a bus for St. Nicholas and Gramont. According to reports there was singing and dancing in these villages for several days after the Maes arrived. Celebrations were in order for more than a week—and were held in the old Flemish manner. In other words the Maes received the keys to both towns and the red carpets were rolled out for them.

Next month the gasoline gypsies will journey through the Netherlands, Germany and Austria.

OLD COMPANY 'D'

Our monthly meetings still continue to be successful with at least twenty-five members present. We have a short meeting followed by a fine supper. These meals are prepared and served by our own members, and it's really surprising the talent we have dug up.

The Sheriff came up with escalloped Cape Oysters, Dec. 19th. Dave Dale prepared frankfurts and beans Jan. 23th and John Cadman and Louis Morton plan an oyster stew for our meeting tomorrow, Feb. 20th.

Gen. A. J. Carr, Norman Gray, E. Alexander, Al Gifford and E. Randall attended the recent testimonial to Bill Connors at the YD Club in Boston and report it as a grand party.

Next month's meeting will be at the camp as usual and the date is March 20, the third Saturday of the month.

—Earl Alexander, Secy.

1954 YD NATIONAL CONVENTION, BOSTON, MASS.
June 17 - 18 - 19 - 20, 1954

The Annual National Convention of the YD Veterans Association will be held on the above dates at Boston, Mass. HEADQUARTERS will be at the Sheraton Plaza Hotel. All meetings and business sessions will be at the Hotel also. Registration booths will open at 10:00 a.m., on THURSDAY, June 17, while the Convention will officially convene the same day at 5:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, June 17th, is Bunker Hill Day and celebrated at Charlestown. It is a local holiday, with a large parade the feature of the day's activities.

There will be somewhere to go or something to do every minute, from the opening of the Convention until it closes on Sunday after the Parade.

There will be Dinners, Entertainment, Sightseeing Trips, a Monster Clam Bake, Shows, Regimental, Battalion and Company Reunions, three business meetings, Election of Officers, Tea and Entertainment for the Ladies, and many other events that the Committee have scheduled.

The Convention Corporation has been set up and the Officers are: Honorary President Lt. Gen. W. S. Paul ret. President Anthony J. Rock, Vice President George F. Johnson, Treasurer Albert M. Pacifici, Secretary Frank J. Brennan, Judge Adv. John W. Coughlin, General Chairman Edward J. Kane.

A letter will be mailed shortly to the entire membership with a registration blank enclosed. Please fill out the blank and send it back as soon as you get it, because the various committees must make plans based on the number registered.

GENERAL PAUL IS NOW ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

In accordance with a provision of the Association's by-laws, Lt. General Willard S. Paul, USA (ret.), formerly the Association's First Vice President, has assumed the duties of *President* of the *Retired Officers Association* to fill the unexpired term of Admiral Hamlet. General Paul's last regular active duty was as Assistant Chief of Staff, G-1, for Personnel and Administration. Until recently, he was on the staff of Dr. John Hannah, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Manpower and Personnel. He has made a diligent study of military personnel and their legislative needs, and is still a consultant to Dr. Hannah.

"It is with great sorrow and heavy heart that I assume the duties of President of the Retired Officers Association," General Paul said. "Not only has the Association lost its official head but I have lost a very personal friend. I assure the members of the Association that I will attempt to carry out the objectives Admiral Hamlet so clearly defined and for which we have been pointing for some time."

General Paul spent more than 40 years in the Army, rising from Private to Lieutenant General. He is highly respected for his knowledge of personnel legislation.

—The Retired Officer, Jan. - Feb. Issue

HEADQUARTERS
UNITED NATIONS COMMAND MILITARY ARMISTICE COMMISSION

Logistics Division
APO 72

10 February 1954

Mr. Guy Watts
YD Memorial Club of Boston
200 Huntington Avenue
Boston 23, Mass.

Dear Guy:

The signing of the Armistice at Panmunjom, Korea, on 27 July 1953 places the task of carrying out the terms of the Armistice for the United Nations upon the United Nations Command, Military Armistice Commission. This Commission, known as UNC MAC, carries its general mission of supervising the implementation of the Armistice Agreement and to settle, through negotiations, any violations thereof from its Base Camp at Munsan-ni and the negotiations building at Panmunjom.

The Base Camp at Munsan-ni, Korea is located about 35 miles north of Seoul and about 15 miles from Panmunjom. The camp itself is of temporary structure, mostly tentage. Personnel of the Army, Navy, Air Force plus military personnel from France, Belgium, England, Canada, Australia, Philippines, Ethiopia, and Thailand compose the Headquarters personnel. The Headquarters is not any Army or an American organization—it is a United Nations effort.

The major tasks to be accomplished by UNC after the signing of the Armistice Agreement on 27 July 1953 were:

1. Exchange of some prisoners (accomplished by operation "Big Switch").

2. Repatriation of other prisoners of war (accomplished by operation "Reclaim").

3. Establishment of a 4 kilometer wide Demilitarized Zone (completed).

4. Repatriation of Displaced Civilians (to begin about 1 March 1954).

5. Control of personnel and combat matériel (combat) aircraft, armored vehicles, weapons and ammunition) shipped into and out of Korea to insure no reinforcing personnel and combat matériel is accomplished during the period of the Armistice Agreement.

6. Provide for the establishment and operation of ten MAC in supervising the carrying out of the provisions (10) Joint Observer Teams. Their mission is to assist the of the Armistice Agreement in the Demilitarized Zone and Han River Estuary (the left flank portion of the demilitarized area).

I think a few more details of the MAC and its agencies used to accomplish its indicated tasks are now pertinent.

1. The MAC itself is composed of ten (10) senior officers, five (5) of whom are appointed by the Commander-in-Chief, United Nations Command; and five appointed jointly by the Supreme Commander of the Korean People's Army (KPA) and the Commander of the Chinese People's Volunteers (CPV). The UNC members now are:

Major General J. K. Lacey
(United States Air Force)
Major General M. C. Kritakara Jitjanok
(Thailand)
Major General G. E. R. Bastin
(British)
Brigadier General J. P. Daley
(United States Army)
Rear Admiral A. E. Jarrell
(United States Navy)

2. The Neutral Nations Supervisory Commission (NNSC) has the mission of carrying out the functions of supervision, observation, inspection and investigation of combat materiel transaction. They use 10 Neutral Nations Inspection Teams (NNIT's) stationed at five (5) UNC ports and five (5) KPA/CPV ports. In addition, ten (10) Mobile Inspection Teams (MIT's) are available if required to check any alleged violations of the Armistice Agreement in the reporting or handling of combat materiel. The five (5) UNC ports where NNITS are stationed are:

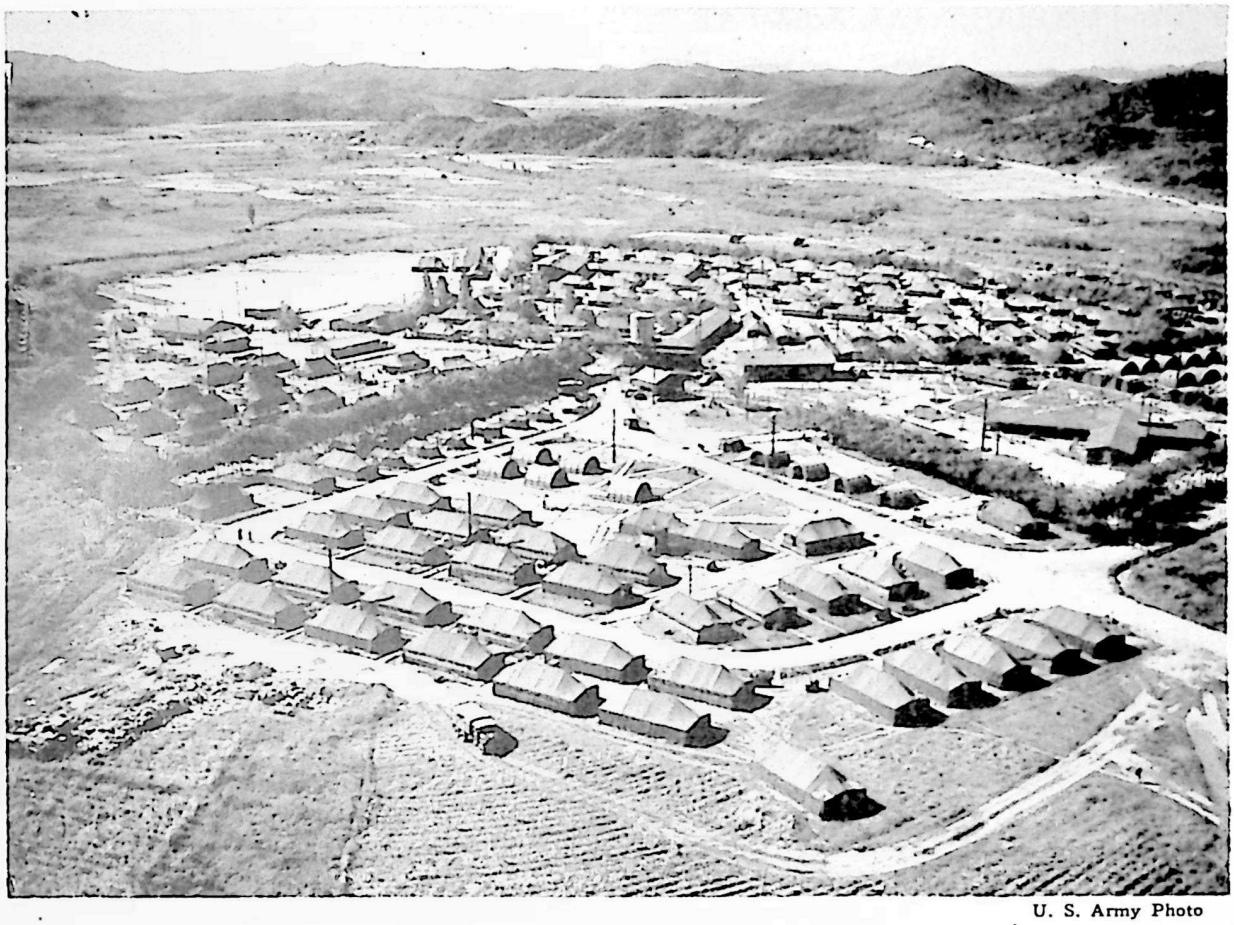
(1) Kangnung; (2) Taegu; (3) Pusan; (4) Kunsan; (5) Inchon.

The five (5) KPA/CPV ports are:

(1) Sinanju; (2) Sinuiju; (3) Manpo; (4) Chongjin; (5) Hungnam.

3. The Neutral Nations Repatriation Commission (NNRC) was organized to insure that all prisoners of war have the opportunity to exercise their right to be repatriated following an armistice. Sweden, Switzerland, Poland, Czechoslovakia and India appointed members of a Neutral Nations Repatriation Commission (NNRC). This Commission had custody of PWs who have not exercised their right to be repatriated (about 22,000). To carry out security functions while the PWs were under NNRC custody, a Custodian Force, India composed of about 5,000 troops, provided the required armed forces to carry out the work of the Commission. As you know, the NNRC turned back most of them to the capturing side. The ones returned to the UNC were declared civilians on 23 January. The Chinese were sent to Formosa; the Koreans were turned over to the South Korean Government.

4. A Committee for Assisting the Return of Displaced Civilians is also provided for in the Armistice Agreement. It will be composed of 2 UNC members and 2 KPA/CPV members. Present plans contemplate this phase of the



U. S. Army Photo

Oblique-Aerial of Unc-Mac Support Group Base Camp in Munsan-Ni, Korea. Photographer Corporal Akmenkalns (CB) 304th Sig Bn (OPR). Released by Public Information Officer Headquarters 8th Army.

Armistice can begin about 1 March 1954. Surveys of those civilians desiring to go North or South are now underway.

My own particular job here in the Headquarters, UNC MAC, is Chief, Logistics Division. My activities concern the handling and reporting of combat materiel in accordance with the Armistice Agreement. You will be interested also in the present job of another former member of the Yankee Division—Colonel Cummings. He is Chief of the Personnel and Administration Division here.

Please say hello to all the gang for me. If anyone knows of any former member of the YD, over here I would appreciate his address.

Regards,
RICHARD F. ZEOLI
Lt Col, Infantry
Chief, Logistics Div

APPOINTMENT TO WEST POINT

Donald J. Palladino, son of Brig. Gen. Ralph A. Palladino, Commanding Officer of the 94th Reserve Division and the former Commanding Officer of the 104th Inf. in WW-I has been appointed to West Point by Senator John Kennedy of Massachusetts.

REPORT ON YD WW II HISTORY

AT LAST the complete writing of the History is completed.

On January 24th a meeting of the History Committee was held at National Headquarters with the following present: Albert J. McWade, Ralph A. Palladino, R. A. Maurer, William A. Callanan, Lewis Whittemore, William Porter, Edward J. Logan and John H. Smith. The text written by Col. McWade was looked over carefully and many changes made. After everyone had read over and made their changes the amended writing was typed in five copies and has been sent to General Paul for his final approval. The first part of several dozen pages has already been returned by General Paul who has had General Hartness also look over the copy.

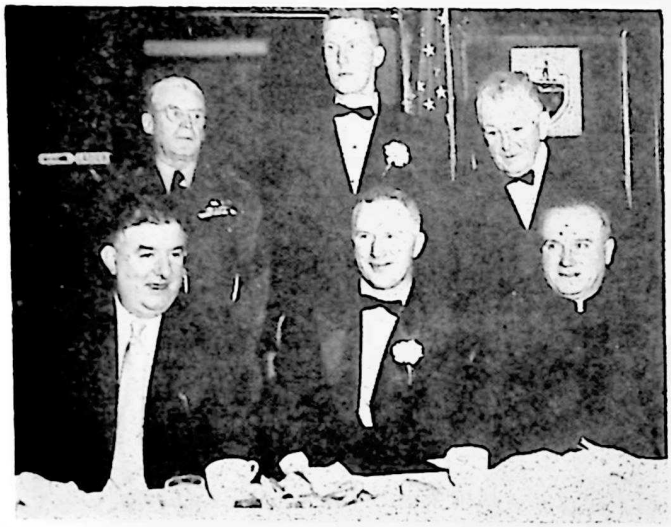
It looks as though we will be able to complete the work to be done and have the History off the Press for the Convention, if nothing further delays us.

A brochure will be send out very shortly with an order blank included so you can order the History. Do not send in any orders until you receive the brochure, which will not be sent out until the History is ready to come off the Press.

CONNORS TESTIMONIAL A SUCCESS

The Testimonial Dinner tendered by the Boston Chapter to William F. Connors on February 14 in its success was a great tribute to Bill the individual, and to Bill the representative of those devotedly YD.

Admittance to the affair, at seven dollars and fifty cents, was by a previously purchased reservation only because the capacity of the Club Lounge was limited. It was with regret that many who desired to attend had to be denied.



Standing: Brig. Gen. William J. Keville, George F. Johnson, Brig. Gen. William J. Blake. Sitting: Edmund Burke BILL Connors, Father Francis X. Bransfield.

The more than 300 present mingled with the guests during the cocktail hour sipping the best while renewing acquaintances, then were seated comfortably to enjoy a dinner complete with Manhattans, Clam Chowder, and Roast Tenderloin.

Warm personal greetings were received from Senator John F. Kennedy, Congressman John McCormick, General Willard S. Paul, and Judge Paul G. Kirk.

Reverend Father Francis X. Bransfield, as Toastmaster introduced General William J. Blake, the main speaker; General William Keville, representing Gov. Christian Herter; Mr. Edmund Burke, representing Mayor John B. Hynes who became ill at the last moment; National Commander Michael P. O'Connor who presented Bill with the Certificate of Merit; Boston Chapter Commander Edward J. Kane, presented Bill with a set of Travelling Bags. Miss Helen Langan, on behalf of the women, presented Mrs. Connors with a bouquet of roses following which Dot received a large heart shaped box of candy from Bill. Others at the head table were Mrs. Irene Melville, General Reginald Maurer, General Ralph Palladino, George McDonald, Mrs. Anne B. Johnson, Mrs. Patricia Logan Wheeler, and William J. Coffey.

The Testimonial Committee, adding to the occasion by appearing resplendently in formal tuxedo dress, consisted of the following: George F. Johnson, Albert McPhee, William Coffey, Richard Sullivan, Angelo Mantenuto, Edward Kane, Max Miller, Martin Sullivan, John Burke, Albert Pacifici, John Rogan, Edward J. McCormack, and Frank Brennan.

NATIONAL SERVICE OFFICE

Regarding SERVICE-CONNECTED DISABILITIES WHICH ARE GETTING WORSE, this office receives questions from time to time,

(1) as to whether anything more can be done physically and,

(2) as to whether any more compensation can be obtained.

Enough of these questions are being received to make a reply worth while in every veterans' periodical and my reply is as follows:

(1) Yes, in the average case of traumatic disability—i. e., from a blow, whether the blow penetrated the skin or not—heat and exercise always help. Every traumatic case has had specialized tissue destroyed which has been replaced by unspecialized tissue—i. e., scar tissue. The scar never gets so good a circulation of blood as the specialized tissue had—and this impaired circulation becomes more impaired as time goes on.

Heat improves the circulation temporarily and exercise improves it for a much longer time. It is for this reason that a tub as hot as you can comfortably stand it, up to your neck for five minutes, gives prompt relief from pain and stiffness. This period of relief is the time to take your exercise, because you can do more and do it more comfortably. Choose the exercise you like best — some competitive game at a local gym, playground or golf course. If none of these are available, get a doorway horizontal bar and practice both flexing the hips and chinnings. (It is the best exercise of all to keep the waistline down and takes only a couple of minutes, done to the point of fatigue.)

Why don't I recommend the physical therapy department of the local V. A. clinic or hospital? Because they cannot do so well as the above. No form of heat is so effective as your own hot tub. No message nor passive exercise is so effective as your active exercise, especially when taken in competitive sport. Will your heart stand it? Yes, unless you have heart trouble—and even then, limited activity is recommended.

(2) Can more compensation be obtained? Probably, if you can provide reasonable evidence that increasing disability has interfered with your earning capacity. If you find yourself in this category, go to the nearest V. A. office to present the above evidence. If you are not satisfied, with the result, send me your Claim Number, address of the V. A. office, the amount you are getting and the nature of interference with earning capacity. I must add that, to date, I have found the V. A. fair and reasonable on this score.

130 East End Ave., New York 28, N. Y.

Joseph K. Surls,
National Service Officer

YDVA NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

WORCESTER, MASS., JANUARY 17, 1954

The last regular meeting of the National Executive Committee of the YD Veterans Association was held on Sunday, Jan. 17, 1954 at the YD Club of Worcester.

The meeting was opened by National Commander O'Connor with the following present. National Officers: Commander, Secretary, Treasurer, Sgts.-at-Arms Reimer and Tetrault, Past National President Brown. Dept. Commanders: Nute of Mass; Meikle of Conn. Chapter Commanders: Fontaine of Worcester; Weiler of New Haven, Ruberti of Fitchburg, Kane of Boston. Committeemen-at-Large; Vickery and Grandchamp; Tarleton of Haverhill, Goodwin of Worcester; Kittredge, State Dept. Commander of Rhode Island; Story, Commander of Providence.

Following the salute to the colors the prayer was read.

National Secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting and they were accepted as read.

National Treasurer Pacifici read a detailed report of the finances of the Association, which shows a very good balance. (Copy in file at office).

WAYS and MEANS COMMITTEE:

Commander Kane of the Boston Chapter gave a report on the Convention to be held at Boston in June, stating that most of the committees have been formed and they are meeting every two weeks.

National Commander O'Connor was asked if there had been any report given by the New Haven Convention. Commander Weiler of New Haven Chapter stated that there has been no meeting of the Convention Committee recently.

HISTORY COMMITTEE:

Secretary Watts stated that a meeting with the Historian would be held on Sunday, January 24th at Manchester, N. H.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A report on the stone to be placed in the Cathedral of the Pines. This stone of the YD Memorial Church at Belleau, France has arrived in this country, and PNC Bourget expects it to arrive in Pawtucket within a week.

NEW BUSINESS:

National Commander O'Connor reported on Child delinquency. It was very successful in North Hampton and hopes that other Chapters will go along with our advertising committee.

Thomas Porter, Committeeman-at-Large, wishes to resign, on account of being Commander of the Michael A. Connor Chapter, newly-formed in Connecticut. A motion was made, seconded, and passed that the resignation be accepted.

Motion made, seconded and passed that Paul J. Caravatt be appointed in place of Porter.

Motion made by Kittredge, seconded by Storey that the YDVA hold a Memorial Service at the Cathedral of the Pines during the dedication of the stone, motion passed.

A letter was read from the National Service Officer and the National Judge Advocate and answers from National Commander in regard to returns from National Convention. National Commander stated that there was nothing in our by-laws in regard to any money going to National Headquarters. Anything given by Convention Corporation is only through gifts. Commander Meikle stated he would try to get a report of the New Haven Convention at the next meeting of the National Executive Committee which will be held in New York, February 20th.

Past President Wm. Brown spoke on the YD Highway and the route 128 station of the New Haven, Railroad. Stated he would assist the committee in any way. Will write story with pictures for Yankee Doings.

NEW YORK, FEBRUARY 20, 1954

The last regular meeting of the National Executive Committee of the YD Veterans Association was held at the Hotel Woodstock, New York City, Saturday, February 20, 1954.

The meeting was opened by National Commander O'Connor with the following present: National Officers: Commander, Secretary, Sgt.-at-Arms Reimer and Tetrault; Service Officer—Americanization. Past National Commanders: Turgeon and Sullivan. Dept. Commanders: Justynowich, Meikle, Kittredge. At Large: Grandchamp, Vickery, Farquahar, Lithicum, Polakowski. Chapter Commander: Hammer, Story, Gallagher, Gifford.

A motion was made, Seconded and Passed to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting.

In the absence of the National Treasurer, the financial report was read by National Secretary. Report accepted as read.

Unfinished business: Report on the naming of the R.R. Station on the Yankee Division Highway by PDC Streeter was read by National Secretary. A Motion was made, Seconded and Passed that petitions be sent out to each Chapter to be signed by members and sent to the NY, NH & H. RR. asking for the name of the Station 128 to be changed to YANKEE DIVISION HGWY. (Route 128).

History Committee: Report of History by National Secretary. All writing on the History Completed. After obtaining a few more maps and proof reading the work done, the History will be ready to be printed.

A Motion was made by Reimer, Seconded by Sullivan that YD men who are not paid up will pay one dollar extra to register for the Convention. Motion passed.

A Motion was made by Dr. Surls, Seconded by Farquahar that letters be sent to the signers of the Corporation papers of the last two Convention Corporations, Gloucester and New Haven to have them give a report of the Convention finances of both.—*National Secretary*

DEADLINE FOR
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TIM MURPHY JOINS IN THE Y.D.V.A. PROGRAM TO HELP CURB JUVENILE DELINQUENCY

Timothy J. Murphy, Dorchester, Mass., Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States. An attorney-at-law, he is a past judge advocate general of the V.F.W.

Commander O'Connor

We Y.D.V.A. members are indeed fortunate this month to present an article by Timothy J. Murphy of Boston.

Tim Murphy, as he is popularly known, is not only a brilliant lawyer but an outstanding American widely known in Veteran affairs, who has received the plaudits of Veteran Organizations throughout the Country for his constructive work in the field of Juvenile Delinquency.

One is immediately impressed by his resolute yet charming personality and his profound knowledge of the subject of J. D. which indicates a long devoted study and application thereof.

These qualifications, no doubt, won him consideration for such important appointments in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, as Asst. Attorney General and District Attorney of Suffolk County in Boston.

When Commander O'Connor and Guy Watts, who are leading the Y.D.V.A. crusade to help curb Juvenile Delinquency, continuously and incessantly heard from agency after agency, that the Veteran has an important part to play in this problem in guiding, instructing and educating the youngsters of the Country as to Veterans affairs, it was decided to basically present the Veterans approach and general thinking.

First let us outline just a few of the underlying reasons that have psychologically affected the youth responsible for much of the present wave of delinquency.

1. Certain juvenile age groups are trying to emulate their big brothers who went to war.

2. Other age groups feel they have no future because their studies

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and education will be curtailed by Compulsory Military Training, which to them looks like the end of the trail since their juvenile minds cannot rationally conceive that Military Service has been the making of many Veterans.

The Agencies contend therefore that it is the duty of the Veteran and Veteran groups to show these youngsters the proper perspective and point out that America, since the days of George Washington, has grown through the successful Veteran, who may have entered the service under the same misapprehension as some of the emotionally upset lads of today. Yet, many of these same Veterans are leaders in their field of endeavor.

It was with these thoughts in mind that your reporter accepted the assignment from Commander O'Connor to find a man who possessed the necessary qualifications to incorporate the Veterans attitude towards this problem together with American History but uppermost, one who had a good knowledge of the subject of Juvenile Delinquency.

After a thorough survey with the aid of present and past Commanders of Veteran organizations and with the aid and direction from City and State Officers who work with J.Ds., the consensus of opinion led to Hon. Timothy J. Murphy, who when interviewed first expressed admiration for the Y.D.V.A. and bestowed commendation for our fine effort on a very important subject. The following is a verbatum statement by Tim Murphy who trusts it may show the way to Young men as well as Veterans who are interested in the subject.

REMARKS OF TIMOTHY J. MURPHY ON JUVENILE DELINQUENCY

The Veterans of the United States do not seek sensationalism. Their endeavors are progessive and affirmative and attempt to meet the problems for the best interest of the public. In other words, they tend to correct rather than condemn.

The Veterans take the position that is the greatest field to endeavor in this problem of juvenile delinquency is in the field of prevention. We believe the correction phase of the problem is important but that the greatest opportunity for the cure of this evil is in the field of prevention. With reference to the correction problem: every effort should be made to rehabilitate the first offenders or those who get themselves into difficulty through errors of human frailty. The youngster, however, should be impressed with the seriousness of his acts in violating the laws of the Commonwealth and the Nation. His ap-

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pearance before a tribunal should be solemn and in a manner that has a tendency to develop a deep respect for law, order, and the Courts. As a pre-requisite to a favorable disposition, the authorities should be convinced that the youngster appreciates the impact of the wrong that he has committed and evidences remorse and a determination not to again violate the law. In other words, a youngster should not be able to go back into a community wearing a halo and bragging that he was able to beat the law and nothing happened to him.

In the field of prevention, the Veterans recognize that in all youth activity projects, it is necessary to have adult participation. No program can succeed without adequate adult participation to see that the energies of youth are expended within the limitations of proper discipline. The Boy Scout movement is one of the best devised methods of developing youngsters in a way in which their energies will be expended for their own benefit as well as for their recreation. Veterans' Posts throughout the Nation sponsor Boy Scout Troops. There are many fields of endeavor in which the veterans enter; namely, Huckleberry Finn Tournaments, baseball, softball, basketball, and dozens of other youth activities which are developed to assist the youth. We do not believe in a regimented form of recreation. We think that the youngsters should be able to choose for themselves the type of recreation they wish, and that the adults should sponsor and direct it in order to make it beneficial and interesting for the youngsters.

We feel that schools' gymnasia, other facilities and buildings owned by the Municipalities should be made available to the youngsters. The reason is advanced that too much damage is incurred as a result of permitting youths to use these facilities after school hours. I am sure it would not take too much ingenuity to work out a system whereby adult sponsors could be responsible for youth groups who wish to use the gymnasia. Undoubtedly, there would be more wear and tear on the buildings, but that is the purpose for which they were constructed; namely, to provide recreational opportunities for the youths.

Veterans also appreciate that salacious, impure indecent and obscene literature that is circulating among juveniles is a great menace and one of the major factors responsible for delinquency in juveniles. It presents a difficult problem because the line of where abuse of the press starts and freedom of the press begins is one hard to determine. The greatest threat to a freedom is the abuse of

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that freedom. Nobody wants to infringe upon the freedom of the press because we feel that it is one of the supporting pillars of our free government. Many of us feel that when a person reaches adulthood, they are the best to judge what they want to read and what they do not want to read. Among the juveniles, a different problem is presented.

During my tenure of office in the Attorney General's office, of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, we endeavored to solve this problem. A group of public-minded civic citizens interested in youth activities formed a Committee to advise the Attorney General on the type of publications which were not fit to be read by juveniles. This Committee had no motive except to perform a public service. There was nothing political and no personal advantage to gain thereby. Their recommendations were made to the Attorney General. The Attorney General then requested cooperation by the publishers to remove those publications which were salacious, indecent, impure, obscene, or tended to corrupt the morals of the youth, from circulation among juveniles. I am happy to say that the publishers cooperated to the fullest extend. Occasionally, a sharp character would endeavor to make a Court case, in order to get publicity for his publication, but we were able to solve that situation. There was one publication by a well-known author which we did bring to Court. The book was indecent, impure, and obscene, and tended to corrupt the morals of youth. The publisher refused to withdraw it on the contention that the book had great literary merit. Although the author was one of great mark and distinction, the case was brought to Court, and the Supreme Court unanimously held that it was unfit for publication and distribution. I might say it was not only indecent, impure, and obscene, but it was very uncomplimentary about the Southern section of this great nation.

The Veterans emphasize the necessity of proper education in history for our youth. A few weeks ago over the medium of television, General Dean, recently released prisoner of war of Korea, stated that if he were to return to active duty in the United States Army, he would do everything in his power to influence the authorities of the necessity of an I. and E. program — instruction and education. He was surprised to find among those communists he met such fervor and enthusiasm for the Communist philosophy. A priest recently returning from Communist-dominated China stated to me that in China, each night a commissar makes a radio speech and for home work the children in school are obliged to write a treatise or a composition concerning the speech. They bring it into the school curriculum. That evening all the people in the village have to go to the town and hear one of the local communist leaders. This amounts to a mass brain washing.

We, of course, do not believe in that type of instruction and education. It is alien to our concept of free government. However, we do feel that the great historical background of this nation should be taught to the children. The stories of Concord and Lexington, the Boston Tea Party, the Battles of Bunker Hill Monument, of Dorchester Heights, and Faneuil Hall and the many others too numerous to mention here are monuments of history that have a tremendous story behind them which must of necessity inspire and enthuse the youngsters if they are properly educated regarding them.

The story of the Continental Congress—men going from Boston and other distant places during the heat of the summer to Philadelphia, there to compose the great masterpiece—the Declaration of Independence, by which it was decreed that man had certain inalienable rights, and which became the foundation stone of our form of government, and from which ultimately grew the Constitution of the United States. All this, evidenced by those patriots at Valley Forge who froze and starved in order to bring into being this nation which conceived the government in which the individual was considered important with those rights. All these, right down to the present conflict in which our boys froze, bled and died in that incomprehensible and bleak land of Korea. Therefore, Veterans believe in, and have put into effect and I. And E. program—instruction and education in the great stories of American history and a great understanding of what our fundamental form of government under the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States is. By so doing, we deem to inculcate in the United States a love of country and fervor for the stars and stripes. We know that if our youngsters are properly instructed in this, that they will be inspired and enthused, and their loyalty to the Government of the United States

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"At a meeting of the 328th Infantry Combat Team which took place at the Hotel Woodstock, New York City, October 3rd and 4th, a women's auxiliary was formed and the following officers were chosen: President, Mrs. Dorothy Raver, Glenside, Penn.; Vice-President, Mrs. Dorothy Gordon, Rockland, Maine; Treasurer, Mrs. Marna Magnuson, Norwood, Mass., and Secretary, Mrs. Vivien Janakowski, Dudley, Mass.

Thanking you for your courtesy, I am

Sincerely yours,
Vivien S. Janakowski, *Secy.*

103rd INF. VETS ASSOCIATION

LOCAL COMMITTEE FOR REUNION
MAY 8th, 9th, 1954

Chairmen of Committees appointed (they to select balance).

General Chairman, Richard E. Brann. Mr. Brann was for fourteen years business manager of the American Legion Magazine and is now with Maine Employment Commission in Augusta. 100 Western Ave., Augusta, Me.

Housing—Perley K. Sampson, 60 Hospital Street, Augusta, Me.

Reception—Adjutant General George M. Carter.

Entertainment—General and Mrs. Albert Greenlaw, R.F.D. 6, Augusta, Me.

Registration—F. L. Wheaton, R.F.D. No. 1, Augusta, Me.

Banquet—Leo Dunn, 10 Dayton Street, Augusta, Me.

Parade—Clyde E. Oakes, 22 Drew Street, Augusta, Me.

Finance—Curtis Hinckley, 10 North Street Augusta, Me.

I am very well pleased with this Committee and I am sure they will make all necessary plans for a fine Reunion.

Voted to invite Gen. J. L. Murtin, Attache French Embassy; Hon. Carl Milliken, Gov. of Maine during World War I; Governors of Maine and New Hampshire and the Mayor of Augusta.

TENTATIVE PROGRAM

Registration all day Saturday.
Parade 1:30 P.M. Saturday.
Business Meeting directly after Parade.
Banquet—Time and Place to be announced later.

SUNDAY

Memorial Services 9:30 A. M. at Camp Keyes (where the Maine Units of the 103rd was mobilized).

Trip to Veterans Hospital at Togus, 10:30.

Presentation of Colors in behalf of the Donor Past President Henry P. Paris by Ex-Gov. Milliken, before the Parade or at the Memorial.

Programs will be mailed to every member in time for them to make reservations for Banquet before the Reunion.

The Fitzgerald-Cummings Post American Legion home will be open to members Friday and Saturday.

JUST A REMINDER THIS IS YOUR OUTFIT

Way back in October, 1920, our YD Club in Boston was officially opened for Business—YD Business. The 101st. MG Bn of Hartford was the first to apply for a Charter in this OUR outfit. How proud we were. Our pride has never diminished. This Club was made possible by the generosity of the people of New England. On December 28th, 1920 our great leader "Daddy" Edwards as he was affectionately known, sent out to his men the following New Year's Message—Our greatest good from the Inspiration of youth to Citizenship by living our lives as we did in France and now in Peace.

These words stand out as a great Challenge even today, to those of us who are laboring to keep YD Alive. How many times of the year have you expressed yourself in these words—"THIS is my outfit". How many times have you nearly popped the buttons off your coat with that swelling Pride which comes only from being a member of one of the outstanding "Fightingness" outfit of all times. It's our main topic of conversation wherever we are, but do you ever really give serious thought to the more serious side of YD today. Isn't it our biggest job right now to raise our YD to a position of real security. Remember back if you will when our beloved National Secretary, Phil Sanborn was laboring day and night for us. Remember back when National Commander, Len Maloney travelled the highways and byways bringing into the fold numerous Chapters, all intent on bringing together the "Old Gang", that we truly might perpetuate our Friendships made during those years in France.

June, 1935 was the real "Kick Off" for YD for it was there that the Spirit of YD was reborn, and we started to go places. Remember back in the not too long ago when around 70 YD Chapters were all going places. How many of these are still around. Connecticut, my own great State became one of the Hotbeds of YD and pro-

duced three of the finest National Commanders ever. Other states too, produced top men as our leaders. Must all their work now be shoved into the old ash can. YD has as you well know, slipped badly in the last few years. Men you can talk about it till dooms day and you can try as you will to give the answers, but one reason sticks out as a "Beacon"—the fault is strictly ours. We, that is the majority, do a lot of talking and raise a fuss about Membership, but it's very evident this talk does little good.

It's real action that is needed, and there is still enough of us left, who possess the energy to make this Membership talk produce results. REAL results, not just a token. One more real fault lies in the very fact that in some quarters there is a feeling of "Ill Will" among Members and in some cases this has been partly responsible for the loss of Membership in some Chapters. This "Ill Will" is not altogether one-sided. It is due in part because some members just won't give the other Guy credit for knowing or doing what he thinks is right. Many members over the past years have accused others in their Chapter of being in a Clique. My answer is forthcoming, IF it were not for these so-called Cliques there wouldn't be any Chapters, consequently there would be no YD. It is the Cliques my friend (take notice, that are the ones who give their time to YD, who serve on Committees, who do an all-around bang-up good job to make and keep YD on an even keel. It's a thankless job I can assure you so why not dig in and be one of those that is known as a Member of this thing called a Clique.

Let's admit openly that these groups have done an outstanding job. Let's not be critical or jealous of these men who so willingly try and give of their time to make YOUR outfit a going concern. The time will come, when if we don't pull together as a Team we will awaken to the startling reality that there is no longer a YD capable of sustaining itself. Aren't we just too old to be bickering in the sense that it leaves a sore spot, that lots of times is hard to heal. Aren't we sometimes acting more like High School kids than mature men. Isn't it high time we cast these animosities aside and give credit where credit is due. Isn't it time we stood up and were counted present, as one who has given much in the interest of YD. Remember YOU and YOU are the ones that helped to give YD its Birth.

Certainly it isn't YOU who will help to bring about its Death. Who has that much needed Inspiration but a YD man. I am certain that we have Hundreds of former YD men (Oldtimers) who if they were approached with a smile and an outstretched hand, would gladly come back into the fold. By the same token, I am strong in my belief that our younger Members must concentrate on the boys they served with and get these men signed up and ready to take over the reins. True it isn't easy, but this is no time to sit back and "Drift" with that hope that things will eventually turn out alright. Many of our past members still around, are just as proud of YD as you and I. There may be a hurt feeling. Well, so what. If this be true, why not heal same and get this man back. Look you Hard-bitten YD men—Is there a finer lot of folks anywhere than YD. Is there a more faithful Gang than YD. We will as long as we survive, keep running into obstacles that seem tough to crack, but I ask you, is there an obstacle we can't crack in time with a little patience.

You will say possibly that I am just "Whacky" and that's alright with me, but I want you to know that this YD in its present status, concerns me greatly, and having been one of those who have given just about everything to YD in the last 18 years, and seen how YD works, I am convinced that less "Complaining" and more work can turn YD into a thriving healthy, hard-driving outfit. The finest gang I have known—one that I am certain can turn YD Membership into several thousand, if we will only stop the trend of saying "It Can't Be Done", and Do it. FULL cooperation must be achieved to gain this goal. Faith in our National Officers (and we do have some good ones). Faith in our Departments and absolute Faith in ourselves will create much good will and net the desired results. Let's give ourselves a real Treat and fill our Membership Rolls. IT'S HARD GOING, this I know. We CAN do it. Will we. NOW IS THE TIME.

—Gardiner H. Hall

DEPARTMENT AND CHAPTER NEWS

National Commander: Michael P. O'Connor, 60 Maple St., Florence, Mass.
National Secretary: H. Guy Watts, 200 Huntington Ave., Boston, Mass.

DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS

Commander: Harold A. Nute, 2 Preston St., Worcester, Mass.
Adjutant: Archie J. McInnis, 59 Windsor St., Worcester, Mass.

The regular monthly meeting of the State Department of the Y.D.V.A. was held March 7, 1954 at the Quarters of the Worcester Chapter, 839 Main St., Worcester, Mass., at 2:30 P. M. Commander Nute presiding. A fine feed by the Worcester Chapter preceded the meeting.

Members from the following Chapters were present: Beverly, Boston, Lynn, Haverhill, Northampton and Worcester.

The election of officers took place today at the Worcester Chapter are as follows:

Commander Ernest Tetrault, Northampton, Mass.; Sr. Vice Commander Roy Reimer, Brighton, Mass.; Junior Vice Commander Henry Contois, Worcester, Mass.; Treasurer Leon LaVallee, Northampton, Mass.; Service Officer, Allen Lyndell, Boston, Mass.; Chaplain Norman Day; Judge Advocate Edwin W. Streeter, South Peabody, Mass.

So, Comrades, let's all get behind these new officers and give them all the cooperation they need for the new year.

The Installation of officers will be held at Northampton, Mass., at the old High School, April 4, 1954.

Archie J. McInnis,
Adjutant, State Dept.

BEVERLY

Commander: Norman L. Day
4 Southern Ave., Essex, Mass.
Secretary-Treasurer: Thomas J. Wallace
33 Thorndike St., Beverly, Mass.

Due to real bad winter weather and equally difficult traveling, there was not a very large attendance at the February meeting, so it turned into a jam session with those present having their say on any subject that was brought up. All manner of subjects were brought up including politics, veterans affairs, YD matters and even Phil Browning expounding on his fishing experiences down at Wingersheek.

Just before Christmas I received a long letter from Roland Hoogerzeil, formerly of F Battery and HQ Co., 101st F.A. He has resided in Manfield, Mass., for a great many years, and is very much interested in his Beverly cronies.

For sick call it has been reported that Charles Lamson, formerly of F Battery, 101st F.A., WW-I, is confined to Salem Hospital. Edward Calhoun, formerly of E Battery, 101st F.A., WW-I, has returned home after having been confined to the V. A. Hospital at Jamaica Plan, Mass. Our own Bob Standley, no need to mention his outfit, has been under the weather, but from latest reports, he is back in his old form again.

Following the jam session of the evening, those present and a few late guests were treated to apple pie and coffee.

For some reason or other and this time it cannot be blamed upon the weather, but the attendance at the March meeting was very small.

For those who did attend, it was a very enjoyable evening, with a so-called informal meeting.

A nominating committee was appointed and will name a group to be elected as officers for the coming year at the next meeting, which will be held at Chop Stick House, Wenham, Mass., on Monday, April 5th.

The members of the Beverly Chapter have been a very healthy group during the winter months. The only one on the sick list for sometime has been Bob Standley, but he is reported as getting out and about, and will soon return to his daily duties at Rockland National Bank.

—Thomas Wallace, *Secy.*

BOSTON

Commander: Edward J. Kane
223 South St., Brookline, Mass.
Secretary: H. Guy Watts
200 Huntington Ave., Boston, Mass.

More work has been done on the building since the last issue. The latest work is laying of asphalt tile in our Lounge room. The floor has now been all covered with the exception of the Dance Floor, which has been sanded and waxed.

The big affair of February took place on the 14th, with a group of 300 honoring Bill Connors at a Past Commanders' Dinner and Testimonial put on by the YD Memorial Club of Boston. (See special story on another page).

The slate of Officers of the Club for the coming year who will be voted on at the Annual Meeting of the Club on March 18, 1954 are as follows: Commander George F. Johnson, 1st Vice Commander George A. McDonald; 2nd Vice Commander Albert E. McPhee; 3rd Vice Commander John W. Coughlin; Treasurer Albert M. Pacifici; Secretary H. Guy Watts; Directors: Joseph H. Gillis, Frank J. Brennan, James H. Sullivan, John J. Callanan, Andrew Duncan, William P. Coffey.

The next big event at the Club will be the March 17th party of the 101st Inf. Veterans Association. As in past years, a big party is run by the 101st on the evening of the 17th with dancing, refreshments and the presentation to the Past President of the Association. This is the one big event of the Association for the year and is always very well attended.

FITCHBURG CHAPTER

Commander: Elvio N. Ruberti
56 Boylston Street, Fitchburg, Mass.
Secretary: Ernest F. George
100 Pacific Street, Fitchburg, Mass.

Our February meeting was well attended by 40 members. This being our first meeting under Commander Ruberti, I think it is in order at this time to ask your wholehearted support of his administration. If you know any Y.D. Vet who is not a member, sign him up. Remember, it is a distinct privilege to be a member of the YDVA. Because everyone can't join, unless they have served in the Yankee Division in World Wars I and II. So let us try to present our Commander with a new application during his term of office.

Our Treasurer, Bob O'Brien was swaying on his feet while reading his report, but don't get me wrong fellows, he was quite sick with a bad cold, so the boys voted him a bottle of cheer, and sent him home to bed—that was pretty tough on Bob, because he always wants to be on his feet.

Everyone seemed surprised to see Charley Audet at the meeting, that is, so soon. He took a little ribbing. So what, he'll show 'em and attend all the meetings.

A substantial donation was made to the American Red Cross at this meeting. The following comrades were reported sick: George H. Ware, Arthur P. Shea, Edward Lorion, Felix Gentes, and Alfred Magee. Comrade Charron is now out of the hospital and was among those present.

It was voted to send Bob O'Brien to the installation and dinner of the New York Chapter YDVA, New York City. The Mrs. went along too, to keep him in line. We all hope you had a very pleasant trip and a good time. You certainly deserved it.

It was voted to amend our by-laws as follows:

Nomination of officers, to be held at February Meeting.

Election of officers, to be held at March meeting.

Installation of officers, to be held the first meeting in April.

Drawing for Uniform—Won by Gustave Johnson. This was voted discontinued after April 1st.

By this time our Chef, Red Bryce had a tasty lunch prepared for us, so we adjourned to talk over old times, and enjoy our lunch. After lunch, the Knights of the Round Table sat in session, and it lasted longer than our regular meeting. Let's all try to attend our next regular meeting fellows, see you then.

—Ernie George, *Secy.*

LYNN

Commander: Eustis B. Grimes
89 Aspen Road, Swampscott, Mass.

Secretary: Edmond Trudell
44 Bowler St., Lynn, Mass.

Monthly Smokers are still fairly well attended, regardless of T.V., which seems to be a headache to all organizations these days. On February 9th we held a Chemin des Dames Nite as a mixed party and a large crowd enjoyed a bang-up program of entertainment and a delicious luncheon was served by the Committee. S.V.C. Charles Scanlon was Chairman assisted by Leon Varnam, Thomas Curran, William Eddows, Commander Eustis Grimes, A. Raymond Doucette, William Bowen, Edward Saulnier, Percy Paige, Charles Burrill, Christian Schacht, Roy Knox, J.V.C. Robert Hurley, Claude Hoag, Leslie Pugh, Richard Hennessey, Oliver Nichols, Stephen Torrey, Edward Nicholson, George Walton, Walter Smith, Edwin Streeter, Alphonse Adrien, Robert Quinn, Edmond Trudell, Charles Benway.

Nomination of Officers will be held March 9th and Election March 30th.

The latter part of April the Chapter will hold its annual Hospital Fund Tag Day with William Eddows in charge assisted by A. Raymond Doucette, Robert Hurley and others.

—The Duke

NORTHAMPTON

Commander: Leon LaVallee
48 River Road, Leeds, Mass.

Secretary: Hoyt D. Clark
Rockland Heights, Northampton, Mass.

The Northampton Chapter has held its regular meetings on the first Thursday of each month since September.

Dec. 12, the Annual Kid's Christmas Party was held with the usual good time for all. The Chapter Committee was Poudrier, Chairman, Kneeland and Ed Wright cooperating with the Auxiliary.

Dec. 18, the Chapter and Auxiliary sponsored a variety show at the Leeds Vets Hospital with the help of some of W. C. Wilbur's entertainers. Refreshments were served afterwards.

—Hoyt D. Clark, *Secy.*

SPRINGFIELD

Commander: Hugo M. Scagliarini
18 Norfolk Street, Springfield, Mass.

Secretary: Thomas F. Crokan
86 Chilson Street, Springfield, Mass.

Because of so many inquiries about members of the YD, that starting with this issue, I am going to tell Who's Who in the Springfield Chapter, so that if anyone feels the urge they can write some of their former Buddies.

George F. Armiarto, 663 Springfield St., Wilbraham, Mass. Owner of the Cape Cod Fish Market in Springfield. Major, WW-II, 104th Inf.

Bill Anyon, 104th Inf., Fire Department, Springfield. See him once in a blue moon—WW-I.

Bill Accorsi, Watchmaker and Repairs. President of the local Veterans Council. A PC of the Chapter, 104th Inf. and 328th.

Warren "Doc" Andrews around the 13 States. Tinsmith Construction. He's a good egg. 102nd. 150 White St., Springfield.

Orville "Red" Burt, Feeding Hills, Mass. PC Southwick Post, V.F.W.

Ed Better Jr. Busy working every day, very quiet. 35 Norfolk St., Springfield.

Thomas Brennan after being A.W.O.L. came back into Chapter. K. Co. Paige Blvd., Springfield.

Ernie Burger in and out of Town, but don't go out much when He's Home. Capt. Mg. Co., 104th.

Arthur "Pop" Fales went back to Holyoke Hospital after being out three weeks. He is 83 and rugged for that age Old TOP KICK, MG. Co., 104th. 336 Central St., Springfield.

D. J. Brunton, PNC. 42 Ranney St., Springfield. Still at Trade School.

Andrew H. Birnie, Sgt. D. Co., 104th Inf. Past Commander of the Springfield Chapter, and he had it rough

going. He is now permanently located at Holyoke Home. WW-I.

Louis "Jack" Golden, Asst. Mgr. Springfield Nash Co., is our newest member. WW-II Vet. He was with the 181st and 182nd Married—lovely wife and two kids. 67 Shawmut St., Springfield.

George Clarke died 4 months ago. No details or information.

Fire hit Tom McAlhone's house the middle of January and it was considerably damaged. He and the Mrs. lost everything but the clothes on their back. Tom is the Welfare Agent in Springfield and was in K Co., 104th Inf.

Stanley Kosiarski of K. Co, 104th Inf., is still at the Barber trade. He has his own shop at 10 Commonwealth Ave., Springfield.

For the lack of being a paid-up member, many YD Comrades pass on lots of times and we don't know anything about it.

The Mrs. is recovering from an operation having been confined to Mercy Hospital for some time. Hope she is home soon.

Hey you paid-up members—go get the comrades who live on your own street. I'll give you the addresses.

Tom Crokan, *Secy.*
86 Chilson St.

DEPARTMENT OF CONNECTICUT

Commander: James F. Meikle, RFD 1, Unionville, Conn.
Secretary: H. Leroy Woodcock, 94 Elmwood Ave., Waterbury, Conn.

STATE MEETINGS

January 10, 1954, V. F. W. Hall, Meriden, Conn.

Meeting called to order at 3:15 P. M. Henry Woods gave the opening prayer as our Chaplain was absent.

Commander James F. B. Meikle called upon the Sgt.-at-Arms to escort P.N.C. Al Herman (Mr. YD) to his station. Al then installed Major Frank McGar as Commander of the Meriden Chapter YDVA. Al also presented Past Commander Wm. Lucas with a Past Chapter Commander's button.

Chaplain Tom Porter being absent, no report on sickness, but the comrades on the floor reported: Sam Davis, Frank Lee and Harold Ritchie at Vets Hospital in West Haven; John Hickey in Stamford Hospital; John Edwards at St. Francis Hospital, Hartford; Bill Salladin is still confined to his home, 153 Goodwin St., Bristol; Charles Sturgeon, 53 Lincoln Ave., is also confined to his home.

Secretary read a letter from John H. White, Chief of Special Services at Veterans Hospital, West Haven, Conn., thanking the Dept. of Conn., YDVA for the gift of a 21-inch General Electric Black Daylight Television set. I also read a letter from L. Powers Fulton, Past National Sgt.-at-Arms for Commander Ralph Turgeon. Lew is living at 210 Williams Ave., Daytona Beach, Florida. He has met a few YD men down there and if you know of any more YD men in that vicinity, write to Lew. If he can get enough members he wants to start a YD Chapter. At the meeting Sunday, learned of a James Moody, D Co., who is living in Tangerine, Florida.

There is a new edition of Who's Who in YD which should be in the mail any day now. Carroll B. Case, Commander of Hartford Chapter, moved that no new editions of Who's Who in YD be made until 1955. Carried.

Commander Meikle appointed the Chairman of the Nominating Committee to draw up a slate of officers for the Dept. of Conn. for 1954-1955. The committee consists of the Commanders of each Chapter or their representative.

Otto Weiler showed the plate which is to be attached to television ship at Veterans' Hospital, West Haven, showing it was presented by the Dept. of Conn., YDVA. A rising vote of thanks was given Howard Titus for the splendid job he and Mrs. Titus have done getting this new edition of Who's Who out. Mrs. Titus was not there Sunday to accept this "thanks" with Howard.

Meeting adjourned at 4:10 P.M.—The ladies of Meriden Chapter served a very nice hot dinner.

—H. Leroy Woodcock. *Secy.*

March Meeting, American Legion Hall, opposite the Green, Southington, Conn.

April Meeting, New Haven—to be announced.

February 10, 1954, Danish Brotherhood Hall, Hartford, Conn.

Meeting called to order at 3:50 P.M. by Commander James Meikle. As our Chaplain was absent, Doc Keating gave the opening prayer.

Our Chaplain being absent, no report of sickness was available, but the following names were submitted by the Comrades: Frank Greer, Joseph Benson, Carmen Miranda and Walter Mather are are Newington; Harold Richter is at West Haven Vets Hospital; Frank Lee is back home at 59 Ellsworth Ave., New Haven; Elliott Moshier is home at 40 Selden St., Willimantic; John Edwards is home at 77 No. Quaker Lane, West Hartford; William Salladin is at 153 Goodwin St., Bristol; Chas. Sturgeon is home at 53 Lincoln Ave., Forestville, Conn.

Howard Titus reporting on Who's Who in YD, stated that the Dept. of Conn., YDVA should realize a profit of $289.00 when all collections are in, so if you haven't sent in your dollar yet, please do so as this is all we have to care for sick veterans.

Doc Keating of Willimantic Chapter has for the last few years had great honors awarded him for his work in Veterans organizations, but his latest honor is having the city of Willimantic name a street in a new develop-

ment named "Doc Keating St." It couldn't happen to a nicer guy! Doc is to be 79 next month, I believe.

Earle Carter of Meriden Chapter introduced Cap McGar, now a Major, also the newly-installed Commander of Meriden Chapter who is 77.

P.D.C. Gardner Hall spoke on the changes to be made in the National By-Laws.

P.D.C. Bill Thompson remarked that it was time for a National Commander of YDVA from Conn., and said our State Commander should be nominated and elected. P.N.C. Ed Miller moved that the Dept. of Conn., YDVA go on record as endorsing State Commander James F. B. Meikle for the nomination of National Commander.

The March meeting is to be held in American Legion Hall, Southington, March 14th. The April meeting is to be held in New Haven, April 11th—place to be announced. The May meeting is to be held in Stamford on May 2nd—place to be announced. The June meeting is to be in Willimantic on June 13th—place to be announced.

Rev. Paul F. Keating, brother of Doc Keating, died in St. Mary's Hospital, Waterbury, Conn. The funeral is to be Monday at 10:30 in St. Francis Church, Naugatuck, Conn. Burial will be in St. Francis Cemetery, Manchester, Conn.

—H. Leroy Woodcock,
Department Secretary

Notice to all Chapter Commanders:

A meeting of the Nominating Committee will be held just prior to the State Meeting. As you probably know, the Nominating Committee is the Commanders of each Chapter or their representative. A slate of officers for the Dept. of Conn., YDVA for 1954-1955 will be nominated at this meeting.

—H.L.W.

BRISTOL
MONT SEC CHAPTER

Commander: John F. Wysenski
31 Putnam St., Bristol, Conn.

Secretary: George C. Graham
22 High St., Bristol, Conn.

Hello: Mont Sec Chapter hasn't had any news in Yankee Doings for quite some time. Just got a letter from our State Department Commander James F. B. Meikle reminding me that Feb. 25th is the deadline for the next issue of Doings. Hope we are not to Dadburned late.

Mont Sec held its annual Christmas Party Dec. 11, 1953. There was a good turnout of ladies and gentlemen. We had a grab bag and a fine supper with drinks all free. One incident dampened our good time for a while. Our good Comrade Bill Salladin was stricken with a heart attack at the meeting and had to be rushed to the Hospital.

He was there about 3 weeks. I was just talking with his good wife and Bill is getting along and is able to take short walks when the weather permits. Bill has been a tireless worker for the good of Y.D.V.A. and I know he would be glad to hear from his friends. His address is 153 Goodwin Street, Bristol, Conn.

Enclosed you will find an Obituary Notice of one of our Members Roland C. Millett. We could not find out what outfit he belonged too.

The Chapter sent flowers for his funeral which was all that his relatives requested.

Our Senior Vice Commander Sam Strupp has been in the Hospital and has had an operation on his arm. He is out again and coming along as well as can be expected.

The next State Department meeting will be sponsored by Mont Sec Chapter and will be held at Kiltonic Post American Legion Hall Southington on Sunday, March 14, 1954, at 3 o'clock.

Another Comrade and regular attendant at our meetings Clyde Brooks was stricken with a heart attack and is in the Veterans Hospital at Newington, Conn.

Department Commander and Mrs. James F. B. Meikle represented Mont Sec Chapter at the Annual Installation Dinner and Dance of New York Chapter Y.D.V.A. held at the Hotel Woodstock in New York City, Feb. 20, 1954.

Good Luck Everybody

George C. Graham, *Secy.*

HARTFORD

Commander: Carrol B. Case
23 Harvard Street, Hartford, Conn.

Secretary: George J. Farnsworth
315 Brewer Street, East Hartford, Conn.

Hartford Chapter held its annual banquet Saturday night, February 6, in its club rooms of the Danish Brotherhood Society Hall, 302 White St., commemorating the 36th anniversary of the Division's entry into the front lines on the Chemin Des Dames sector in France, February 6, 1918.

Nearly 100 members enjoyed a wonderful roast beef dinner prepared by Joseph Tremblay, caterer, under the chairmanship of Sam Tubin. On the committee with Sam were: P.N.C. Benjamin Bourne, guests; PNC. Edgar F. Miller, program; Howard W. Titus, entertainment; John J. Curtin, finance; John R. Edwards, tickets, and John J. Goss, publicity. Dick Edwards, although convalescing in bed at home, did a good job on the ticket reservations, and from his doctor's report, should be back in good health after several more week's rest.

Vine R. Parmelee, Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, was our able master of ceremonies. Our guests were National Commander Michael P. O'Connor, National Secretary Guy Watts and Department Commander of Connecticut James B. F. Meikle. Commander O'Connor spoke briefly on the program to combat juvenile delinquency, and urged our support. Our National Secretary as usual, is after a larger membership, and asked each one to make an

effort to get back our former members into the fold.

PNC Jim Sullivan came down from Boston with Guy, and apparently enjoyed the party thoroughly.

One of the nicest things about this annual gathering is seeing some of our buddies who we only see at this time. And again, this party was no exception, because we were pleased to greet the following: Ex-mayor of Hartford, Dennis P. O'Connor, Col. Joseph P. Nolan, James P. Foley, Francis B. Pinches, Edward W. O'Meara, Charles E. McCarthy, Jim Morgan and Roy Ransom, Edward Packtor, Rocco Francoline, Floyd Dow, George Sperry, Ray Stoltzembach, Bill Barber, Adam Karpan, Arthur Bebe, George Burns, Arthur Butcher, Elmer Hale, Louis Chevallier, Howard Correll, George Killam, James Phillips, Bill Lielasus (WW-II), Jim Yacavone, George McGinn, Louis LaBlond, Leon Woodmancy, George Mercer, Mike Proccacino, Anton Bobinski, Charles Brennan, Thomas Cahill, Richard Parker, Mike Durkin, Mathew Coughlin, Archie Petrie, Albert Curtis, Andrew Riga, Howard Merrill and Robert Rayburn.

Everyone was glad to see Joseph Orient with us again. He has been invalided at home for several years, but was able to attend the party this year with the assistance of one of his comrades.

Of course, there were the regulars who can be counted upon to attend all gatherings of the YD, and without their loyal support, the Chapter would not be such as it is. Besides those named as members of the committee, were the following: Arthur Evans, Bill Scanlon, Jack Carter, Paul Caravatt, Henry Beebe, Al Rossing, 'Moose' Miller, Len Fletcher, Bill Williamson, Harry Robertson, Art Swanson, Harry Anderson, Art Benny, Matthew Sataro, Art Dunham, Dick Connor, Charlie Perry, Stuart Spear, Bill Sullivan, Frank Trzcinski (bugler), Jim Hyatt, Gilbert Walker, 'Buc' Buczinski, Nap White, and yours truly, your commander.

The program concluded with a fine floor show presented by Joseph McCusker's Entertainers. Everyone agreed that this dinner and party was one of the finest given by the Hartford Chapter—another feather in Sam Tubin's hat. —G.

MERIDEN
"Feegel-Tyler" Chapter
Commander: William E. Lucas
215 Reservoir Ave., Meriden, Conn.
Secretary: Lawrence C. Dewey
15 Platt Ave., Meriden, Conn.

Feegal-Tyler Chapter of Meriden, Connecticut was host for the Y.D.V.A. state meeting on January 10, 1954 in the Veterans of Foreign Wars hall.

Major Frank H. McGar was installed as Commander of the Feegal-Tyler Chapter by P.N.C. Al Herman. Major McGar was Commander of Company L, 102nd Infantry, WW-I and later served on the General Purchasing Board and Provost Marshals office base section.

Henry E. Carter, the dynamo of the Meriden Y. D. Chapter, assisted by Mrs. Carter, Mrs. Clarence Roys, Mrs. Howard Matteson, Mrs. George Semrau and Mrs. Margaret Bellerose, prepared and served a bountiful dinner for the meeting. "Earl" has pushed the membership in Meriden up to 55 for the year.

Major McGar and Henry Carter are hoping to hold a gathering of the chapter for either the anniversary of the Gas Attack or Seicheprey. Also, the Major is working with the "Old Guard" to observe the 50th anniversary of the organization of Company L, 2nd Conn. Infantry. This event will recognize the present Company L, 102nd Infantry, N. G. now trying to recruit to strength.

Dr. David P. Smith, Medical Detachment, 101st Infantry, WW-I, a past commander of the local chapter, has been one of the leading advocates of a Memorial Hospital as a municipal tribute to Meriden men and women serving in the armed forces in WW-II. "Doc's" efforts for this living memorial will be realized in July, when the hospital will be dedicated.

Major Frank H. McGar, *Cdr.*
Arthur A. Service, *Secy.*

NEW HAVEN
Commander: Otto F. Weiler
41 Frank Street, West Haven, Conn.
Secretary: Edgar F. Coulombe
Lake Shore Road, Old Lyme, Conn.

As our January Meeting was snowed out by a severe snow and sleet storm we had quite a bit of business to discuss at our February Meeting which was held on Tuesday evening, February 9. It seemed more like a Past Commanders Night than a regular meeting as P.C.'s Chapman, Cargill, Popolizio, Lincoln, Cooper and Lindgren were present with comrades Monnemy, Sullivan, Sparvell and Scandone making the quorum necessary to do business.

As Commander Weiler who has been seriously ill for some time was confined to the Hospital and all other senior officers were absent, Past Commander Chapman, who is now the Treasurer, presided at the meeting and P. C. Al Lindgren acted as Secretary.

Two years ago a motion was made that the New Haven Chapter consider the erection of a bronze memorial tablet to all who served with the Y.D. in WW-II, and it was approved that we go ahead with this project. At that time Frank Lincoln, who was then Commander, appointed Al Lindgren as chairman of the committee to arrange for the erection and dedication of this Memorial. Due to New Haven being the Convention City last year all plans were laid aside for action at a later date and this year Commander Weiler revived the project.

A general discussion was held on this question and plans made to complete this project. Chairman Lindgren chose a committee of all Past Commanders who were

present and to date this committee has made considerable progress having met with the Superintendent of Parks and a suitable site near the WW-I Y.D. Memorial being selected. Arrangements were immediately made for the foundation to be laid and a huge boulder to be set in place for the tablet to be bolted on. This work is all being taken care of by Mr. Henry Coogan, an honorary member of this Chapter, and brother of our Superintendent of Parks. Tentative plans call for the dedication of this Memorial just previous to Memorial Day and notice of the exact date will be sent out to all members and released through the newspapers. Comrade Teta who has recently returned from a trip to France where he visited with relatives has told us that the American Flag in the Y.D. Memorial Church at Belleau is in bad shape and should be replaced. The question of replacing this Flag was discussed and a motion made that we check the size of Flag required and purchase one to be sent to the Church as a gift from the New Haven Chapter. We are to receive the old Flag in return to place among the Chapter mementos. This motion was seconded and passed and P. C. Cooper appointed to check into the cost of the new Flag.

Chaplain Cooper reported that Commander Weiler was seriously ill in St. Raphael's Hospital (since this report he has returned home where he is still undergoing a heavy siege against his illness). He also reported that he had visited the West Haven Veterans' Hospital where he called on comrade Frank Geer, who is still confined there, and comrades Benson, Miranda and Lee who from last reports have returned home. We visited with comrade Miranda for a short while at his home and he is doing quite well, considering his illness. Drop these boys a line as it will help to cheer them up and let them know we think of them.

—A. E. L., *Acting Secy.*

WINDHAM COUNTY CHAPTER

Commander: Euclid Pimpare
466 Pleasant St., Willimantic, Conn.

Secretary: Gardiner Hall
South Willington, Conn.

No Meetings since December. Now back to business. Hope all had a nice Holiday during Christmas and New Year's. Your Secretary was a bed patient for three weeks at this time. Now back and going again. Elliott Moshier the Genial Treasurer was recently operated on in the Local Hospital. He is back at work and feeling much better. Walter Mather has been in serious condition at Newington Veterans' Hospital the past seven weeks. Feeling some better now. Hope you get well Dip, quick.

Doc Keating recently lost his brother, Father Keating in New Britain. Roy McBee has recently retired as Gen. Mgr. of the Hall Company after 25 years. Yes, your Secretary has also retired from the same Company after many years. Wondering how Marty Cohen is these days. Local Chapter will close out the year with 42 members—8 higher than last year and the best in five. Installation will have taken place by the time you get this. Next Commander will be Mike Aldi of Norwich. Rather expect the Treasurer will be Moshier and the Secretary yours truly. Others not known at this writing. Expect Dept. Meeting will be in Willimantic, come June. Don't forget your Dues. Four Bucks. Most will be in when you read this. Don't forget the Convention in Boston. As this is written Feb. 23 Jim Meikle may be the man to vote for as National Commander. A fine Dept. Commander from our own State. Support Jim. If Jim is not the man then let's go for Anderson from New Hampshire. Both top drawer stuff. Nuff said. —G. H. Hall, *Secy.*

DEPARTMENT OF RHODE ISLAND

Commander: Guy M. Kittredge, 33 Prospect St., Cranston, R. I.
Secretary: Wilfred M. Bresette, 84 Lexington Av., Providence 7, R. I.

PAWTUCKET
(Apremont Chapter)

Commander: Harold Pierce
2105 County Street, So. Attleboro, Mass.

Secretary: John R. Moran
394 Daggett Ave., Pawtucket, R. I.

Apremont Chapter meets the second Thursday of the month in the Irish-American Hall, North Union Street at 8:00 p.m. Commander Harold Pierce presides. Well believe it or not the radios and televisions must of had a short circuit in them or the comrades got tired of looking at them and decided to attend the meeting. The regular business of the chapter was conducted with the usual contributions being made. Nomination of officers for 1954-1955. When you look around the quarters for new prospective officers for the Chapter, what do you find. A lot of Past Commanders who do attend the meeting. They have had the pleasure of being in the chairs and they liked it. They still continue to attend the meetings. You can not start at the top, you have to begin from the bottom, so why not come to the meetings and get started in the chairs. Dues are due again beginning April 1, so get them up. Another year has past so let's keep the YD alive, we are getting older every day. The meeting was turned over to the Department with Department Commander Guy M. Kittredge presiding—even he was delighted with the turnout at the meeting. After the meeting refreshments were served and it was late hours when the comrades and wives departed.

Perhaps by the time you comrades read this in your Doings the newly elected officers will be in the chairs. Come down and support them. There is always something going on. Next meeting of the Chapter will take place Thursday evening, March 11. John R. Moran, *Secy.*

PROVIDENCE CHAPTER
Commander: Edwin N. Story
9 Sumter Street, Providence, R. I.
Secretary: Guy M. Kittredge
33 Prospect St., Cranston, R. I.

Dept. of R. I. State meeting was called to order by Commander Guy Kittredge at 9 P. M. in the quarters of Apremont Chapter, Pawtucket, R. I., who was host to the State Dept. for this meeting.

After receiving favorable reports from Officers and Committees, Commanders Kittredge and Story and Delegates to the National Executive committee, Comrades Grandchamp and Vickery submitted very detailed reports of their attendance of said committee, thus enlightening all present. Commander and Delegates reported they were very much impressed of the progress made by National Treasurer Pacifici, via. his system to keep the "OLD OUTFIT" on the blue side of the ledger. Consensus of all present was, may his success continue.

However the program "CHILD DELINQUENCY" came in for some criticism because of the method used in soliciting prospects for this cause in Rhode Island. With a little tact and diplomacy better results would have been realized.

Nominating Committees were appointed and their recommendations will govern the election of State Officers to be held in April.

Providence Chapter will be host to the State Dept. at this meeting.

Providence Chapter held its regular and PAST COMMANDER'S DINNER as a joint affair, Saturday, Feb. 13, 1954, at the Driftwood Restaurant, 2195 Broad Street, awtuxet, R. I.

There were 66 members present including wives and uests.

Commander Story called on Chaplain Joseph Taci to read the prayer, and thirty seconds of silence was observed for our departed comrades. Then we all sat down to a fine Steak Dinner.

Commander Story appointed the following to act as a nominating committee, to bring in a slate of officers at the March meeting. Chairman Leo Bottari, Past Com-Commanders, Walter Vickery, John Kelley, Francis Dunn and Guy Kittredge. He then turned the meeting over to Jr. Vice Commander Frank Cannao, Chairman of the Past Commander's Dinner.

Chairman Cannao thanked his committee, Joseph Taci and Jack Sharkey for a job well done. He then read off the names of the PAST COMMANDERS of Providence Chapter for a few remarks.

William Mulcahey reported as sick. Lawrence Cook gave a fine talk, how he became interested in Providence Chapter and was elected Commander, serving and working with a swell bunch of fellows here in Providence. Edwin Mara absent, on account of previous engagement. John Kelley told of his privilege and joy to serve Providence Chapter. Michael Crescenzo of Atlanta, Georgia, sorry to hear he has been sick and we all wish him speedy recovery.

Francis Dunn said just a swell bunch to work with, Ralph Whitman absent, on account of the State Dept. of Motor Vehicles demanding his time. David Davidson gave out with a few snappy jokes and was glad to have commandeered such a swell Chapter. Walter Vickery also remarked he was glad to have been Commander of a great bunch of YD men. Wilfred Bresette said The Best Chapter in YDVA—bar none. John Mitchell absent, still wearing the uniform of Uncle Sam. Guy Kittredge also was glad to have been a part of the swell Providence gang.

Fred Grandchamp will always remember his year as Commander and still thinks the gang one great bunch. Leo Bottari in his quiet way, was glad to have served as Commander of good old Providence Chapter. The gathering then stood, in silence, to our departed PAST COMMANDERS: Henry McCarthy, Raymond Taylor and Robert Murray.

Two of our comrades who have been State Commanders of the American Legion took a bow, Frank McCaffrey and Everett (Dutch) Holland.

Past National Commander Joseph L. Bourget was next introduced and gave a talk, as during his trip to France, he had part of a tree in Belleau Woods sent home, which he hopes to have made into gavels to be presented to the Past National Commanders. Also a stone from the original Church in Belleau, which the Yankee Division destroyed and afterwards rebuilt with subscriptions from all YD men. Last year the YDVA Pilgrimage re-dedicated this Church. The National YDVA hopes to place this stone in the CATHEDRAL OF THE PINES in New Hampshire this spring, dedicating it to all YD men who have passed on. He also praised the Providence Chapter as one of the best and said no kidding.

Next Past National Sgt.-at-Arms Albert J. Shabbott thanked us for his invitation as he always enjoyed all Providence meetings he ever attended.

Finally the entire gathering rose to thunderous applause as our National Commander Michael O'Connor was introduced. Commander O'Connor said all the nice things he was going to say to the Providence Chapter had been said by the boys ahead of him, nevertheless he was glad to be able to attend and take part, thanking Providence Chapter for the support they had given him in office. He noticed we opened our meeting with a prayer, mentioning the Pilgrim Fathers who landed on our shores, gave thanks to God for their safe landing. How is it we cannot enforce the United Nations to open their meetings with a prayer. If the Russians don't like it they could stay out in the hall until we are through. He has something there —boys.

Chairman Cannao asked all the ladies at the head table to take a bow—Mrs. Michael O'Connor, Mrs. Edwin Story, Mrs. Joseph Bourget, Mrs. Albert Shabbott, Mrs. Lawrence Cook and Mrs. Guy Kittredge.

The meeting broke up with everyone admitting they had a grand evening. So once again Providence Chapter had a fine PAST COMMANDERS DINNER AND Meeting. We hope to have many more.

Guy M. Kittredge, *Secy.-Treas.*

DEPARTMENT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

Commander: John V. Chesson, 2 Ashland St., Nashua, N. H.

STATE MEETINGS

Nashua, N. H., January 1954

Last month's Meeting was very well attended and a brisk meeting it was. Several reports were read and accepted viz. the folling minutes of the previous meeting, treasurer's report, report of Sr. Vice Commander John Bechard on membership and the Chaplain's report on sickness. Comrade Edward Dane is in the V. A. Hospital in Manchester.

We had a very nice Xmas Party put on by the Nashua Auxiliary. Everyone got a present and a nice lunch was served. The State Auxiliary gave us (men) $10.00 as a Xmas gift to the Dept. The girls always come through. Thanks again girls. Don't forget.

Manchester—Sunday, January 24, 1954, 2 P. M. American Legion Home, Elm Street.

Yours in the Spirit of Y.D.

John Chesson, *Cdr.*
Dept. of N. H.

Manchester, N. H., February 1954

At the January Meeting, in Manchester, N. H., the Dept. went on record to participate again another year in the State Commander's Conference after a report by the Committee looking up the by-laws of the State Commanders Conference. On the motion of assessments of Chapters to help support the Dept., the following committee was appointed to study the finances and make suggestions to raise funds to offset the assessment.

Comrade Dr. Brown of Manchester, N. H.
Williams of Nashua, N. H.
Bechard of Portsmouth, N. H.
Carlysle of Lebanon, N. H.
Anderson of Portsmouth, N. H.

At the next meeting this Sunday at 2:00 P. M., Portsmouth, the following nominating committee was appointed to bring in a slate of officers for next year.

Comrade John Dunlap, Manchester, N. H.; Mike Dell Isola of Nashua, N. H. and Clarence Anderson, Portsmouth, N. H.

This does not mean that no nominations from the floor can be accepted but to the contrary. The Committee is to help us. If you have anyone in mind come on down and let us here from you.

In the Spirit of YD

John V. Chesson, *Cdr.*
Dept. of N. H.

MANCHESTER

Commander: Harold S. Fallon
97 Prospect St., Manchester, N. H.
Secretary: Clarence A. Byron
156 Sagamore St., Manchester, N. H.

Regular Meeting of YDVA was held at the Manchester Post No. 79, A. L. Home at 1552 Elm St., Wed., Feb. 10 with Commander Fallon presiding. Chairman Holleran of the Veterans' Hospital Committee said that the V. A. Officials requested us to have the 3rd Wed. for Cigarette night instead of the 1st Wed. Both the Chapter members and the Auxiliary pass out cigarettes at the Hospital. Comrade Weaver, Chairman of the Nominating Committee submitted the following for nomination for the coming year:

Commander, Charles Bailey; Sr. Vice Commander, Walter Monton; Jr. Vice Commander, John Loxton; Secretary, Archie Vigneault; Treasurer, John Blidberg; Chaplain Myron Goodhue; Sgt.-of-Arms, Arthur Blood; Historian, Dr. Chester Brown.

The Chapter voted to have their Annual April Party, and to invite the Auxiliary as guests.

Comrade Weaver was put up for nomination for Jr. Vice President in the State Dept.

The following members were named for the April Party Committee: Harold Fallon, Chairman, John Dunlap Archie Vigneault, Karl Byam, Lester Horton, Charle Bailey, John Loxton, John Blidberg, Dr. Chester Brown, Shirley Luscombe, Clarence Byron.

Hoping to see you at our April Party.

Yours truly,

Clarence A. Byron, *Secy.*

PORTSMOUTH-ROCHESTER

General Clarence R. Edwards Chapter
Commander: Dana Huntress
63 Young St., So. Berwick, Me.
Secretary: Joseph O'Hara
12 Government St., Kittery, Me.

Clarence Anderson walked in to our last meeting with a ten gallon hat on from away out thar in the West.

Our Commander, Dana Huntress is also out in the West Coast.

Clarence saw the birds flying north, so he thought that the good old Spring was at last in New England. But this cold spell we have today, with 10 below, Clarence put on his spurs and was calling his car Hi-Ho Chevvy, wishing he was back in the land of the sunshine.

Anderson called on Al Shepard out on the West Coast. Al is doing fine now. He had a spell of sickness for 3 weeks at the Veterans' Hospital. But now as Al used to say, (why don't you take the gas pipe), is well again.

To Al Shepard from Mike Conlon: If you were at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard today you would take the pipe. The S.P.I. system will drive us all nuts. Regards to Thelma and Little Shepard.

Clarence Anderson stopped off in Arizona and also Connecticut. A meeting will be held at the John Ross Home, the 16th of Feb., on the YD Ball that is to be held St. Patrick's Day, March 17th.

We also have a State Meeting which will be held here at Portsmouth, Feb. 28. I will sign off for now as I've got to get ready for fishing out at Great Bay on the ice, where the smelts come to spawn in the winter, and as far as your eye can see there is ice salt water, and I would say about 300 fishing shanties.

Boys from all over New England come here to fish. I have what they call a dog house built on a large sled and covered with canvass, with a wood stove or brickets to burn inside. The floor is built up six inches off the ice with a trap door that can be taken off so you can fish in the hole with 4 lines. The hole is 18 inches wide and six feet long. I have two yacht chairs, a window, a nice long shelf to put your Rum Bait or anything, a fry pan, and coffee pot.

All you have to do is to go out there, open the door, start the fire, and no matter how cold it is outside you are warm. So let it blow, snow or blow night or day. The old outdoors beckons. The last cold snap we had I was out there at six in the morning with a 50-mile an hour wind blowing and the outside reading was 31 below. Boy, I was catching the greatest fish in the world—smelts. Great Bay smelts are known the country or New England over for their sweet taste. Ho-hum, fried smelts for dinner, so I will have to sign off for now as the old saying goes, time and tide wait for no man. So long for now.

Mike Conlon,
222 Wibird St.
Portsmouth, N. H.

DEPARTMENT OF THE EAST

Commander: Michael F. Justynowicz, 108 North Eighth St., Brooklyn, N. Y.
Secretary: Karl G. Ley, Jr., 1017 So. Frazier St., Philadelphia, Penn.

NEW YORK

Commander: Edmund C. Polakowski
86-09 57th Road, Elmhurst 73, N. Y.
Secretary: George H. Richmond
6702 Ridge Blvd., Brooklyn, N. Y.

Who's sorry now? I'll tell you WHO'S SORRY NOW! All YDVA members within running, riding or flying distance, who did not attend the Gala Installation Dinner and Dance of the New York Chapter held in the main dining room of the Hotel Woodstock, New York City. The food was superb, a gourmets delight. The music was noisy but wonderful. The orchestra played all the old favorites: Parley Vous; A Long, Long Trail; Smiles, etc. The blending of voices from Philadelphia, New England and New York may not have been too harmonious, but they sure were loud and sincere. I have no doubt the old songs brought back many memories, some happy, some sad.

National Commander O'Connor installed the officers for the coming year. He was assisted by Sgt.-at-Arms Roy Reimer and Ernest Tetrault. They did a fine job. Commander O'Connor gave a short ringing speech on Patriotism.

Our new Chapter Commander Edmund C. Polakowski spoke about his plans for the New York Chapter for the coming year. After thanking the out-of-town guests for attending, among whom were Jim Sullivan, Al Gifford, Guy Watts, Francis Gallagher, George Linthicum, Ralph Turgeon, P.N.C. and many others he turned the gavel over to Jack Farquhar.

Jack supervised the drawing of the raffle prizes, with the assistance of a contingent from the Ladies Auxiliary. National President Irene Melville drew the first number from the box. She was followed by other ladies of the Auxiliary. Many prizes were awarded: A three-way portable radio, a Parker Pen and Pencil set, an overnight train bag, a Ronson pocket cigarette lighter and three door prizes. I am sorry to say, none of the ladies of the Auxiliary won a prize—Neither did I.

It was now midnight and all those who cared to quaff the spirits were invited to repair to a hotel suite, engaged by the Chapter, and located on an upper floor. Arriving there, they were greeted by Bartender Bill Savage who, surrounded with piles of ice, liquor, and all the necessary ingredients waited, ready and able to serve them. Later, when Bill ceased to be so able Jack Farquhar took over. Singing, drinking and jokes filled the air from then on, and a good time was had by all.

When I left at 4 A. M. festivities were still going big and the larder still had many bottles to go.

To any of the New York members who did not attend, all I can say is that: "You missed one heluva good time."

And to the out-of-town guests the Chapter is glad to say again, "Many, many thanks."

George Richmond, *Secy.*

Now that the long Washington's Birthday week-end is over, and everyone has had a chance to recuperate, I am sure all of you will be eager to find out what happened in New York on Saturday, Feb. 20.

As for the National Executive Committee Meeting, I shall leave that up to Guy Watts and Mike O'Connor to inform you as to what transpired.

As usual, the Annual Installation Dinner proved to be socially successful. We always have a nice time. Ask anyone who was present.

The prizes on the drawing were beautiful. Ask Lou Wintner from Philadelphia what he thinks of the Motorola 3-way Portable which he won. The Ladies' Train Case was won by Larry Hammer's brother. Poor guy doesn't even have a girl friend. The Ronson Lighter was won by Roderick MacRae, Jr., son of Roderick MacRae who is a member of our Chapter. I can't remember offhand the names of the other two winners. We also had 3 beautiful door prizes. No one except Larry and myself knew what was in each package. They were practical and useful.

Of course, you want to know who our new officers are. Well, here they are and a better group you never did see.

Commander Edmund Polakowski; Sr. Vice Commander Anthony Fanelle; Jr. Vice Commander, Edward A. Cohen; Secretary George Richmond; Treasurer Edward B. Writer; Sgt.-at-Arms Frank Frangese; Chaplain Robert Daly.

Trustees: Lawrence I. Hammer, Chairman; John F. Connolly, Dr. Joseph K. Surls, James Hurley, M. S. Justynowicz, Henry Moore.

In closing, I should like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one for his support and cooperation to help make our affair successful.

Edmund C. Polakowski, *Cdr.*
George Richmond, *Secy.*

PHILADELPHIA
"Quaker City Chapter"
Commander: Francis J. Gallagher
105 Garth Road, Oreland, Pa.
Secretary: George C. Linthicum
1007 Minden Lane, Collingdale, Pa.

Our Chapter was saddened to learn that on Sunday, Jan. 31, 1954, Charles "Chick" Frazier passed away suddenly at his home here in Philadelphia. Funeral services were held on Wednesday, Feb. 3, 1954 with an excellent attendance of his YD Comrades as well as members of other organizations to which he belonged to pay homage to their departed comrade. He was buried with full military honors at Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Va., on Thursday, Feb. 4, 1954.

We of the Philadelphia Chapter are going to miss Chick very much. He was a loyal and true friend; always 100% YD. His spirit, good humor and energy expended for our Chapter helped more than anything else to make it grow and prosper. Chick was "Mr. YD" around the Philadelphia area.

Due to Comrade Frazier's passing, our February activities, the bingo party and the special meeting on Feb. 19 to welcome the delegation of comrades from New York and National Headquarters, were cancelled. All comrades will be notified as to the time and place of the meeting to be held on March 5, 1954. This will be an important meeting and everyone who possibly can should attend.

—Art Raver

DEPARTMENT OF THE FAR WEST

Commander: Albert J. Shepard, 616 East Carson St., Torrance, Calif.

Well boy, here we are, Thelma and I, a long way from Headquarters of the old YD Association. But wherever we go, or whoever we meet, we always find a YD doughboy. The Los Angeles Chapter is a credit to this Association. They sure are dyed-in-the-wool YD men. Their quarters in Patriots' Hall on Figueroa Street is a place for Veterans affairs only and every night in the week, something is going on. Their meetings have been held at the same hall for over twenty years. The big think that caught my eye on my first meeting was the big picture of Daddy Edwards that hangs over the Commander's chair, and it's as if he too, attended the meetings. It is a wonderful thing to come so far and still be in a circle of your buddies.

Commander Perkins is a very good Commander and always ready to do for the good of the order.

Earl Harriman, a real YDer, sound off very often and last meeting tried to put through a motion to raise the postage stamp to 4c, so he could get a raise in pay. Motion was lost for a second, to many taxpayers present. He is still fighting the war between Regiments of this Division, when he isn't delivering mail on his route, he is talking YD or thinking up some way to put that new easterner Al Shepard in his place. He says I am a furrerner. He has forgotten his forefathers came from Plymouth Rock and not the Gold Coast.

My old Pardner in (motions) and (seconds) Globe Trotting Anderson with his wife Ellowean was in California and stayed with us for two weeks. Wonderful time had by us all. Clarence had a chance to meet some of the YD men and feels as we do, he would like to live here where the snow is up on the mountains and sunshine in the valley.

We visited a lot of places and met quite a few from the East, and the ones we knew the best were Dana and Bertha Huntress from the Portsmouth, N. H. Chapter. They were staying in Burbank. We were so happy to see them drive in that Saturday, and hated to see them leave. Did they promise to come back next winter????

The Los Angeles Chapter has endorsed Clarence for National Commander for next year and they are a hundred percent for his election to Commander.

We have different plans to get our membership back in this Chapter to what it used to be and it can be done. Where there is a will, there is a way. So until next time, I am

Yours in Comradeship,

Al Shepard,
Cdr. of the Far West

PHOENIX, ARIZONA
Desert Chapter

Commander: Edward (Red) Shea
4729 Narragansett Ave., Ocean Beach
San Diego, California

Secretary: Earl P. Holbrook
1547 West Vernon Ave., Phoenix, Arizona

Once again it becomes my privilege to jot down a little of the news from this Chapter and it is sure very little. Another one of the traveling Easterners made a trip to the coast and was thoughtful enough to make a short stop in Phoenix on his way home. Clarence Anderson and his wife from Portsmouth, N. H. Hadn't seen him since the convention at New Haven, where we both sat in on the Resolutions Committee. They only could spend a few hours with us, but we had a chance to talk YD pro and con. From him I learned he was going to run for National Commander in June. Nothing like some competition for that office to make a lively convention.

Reading through "Doings" I note Jack Donovan of Chicago is booming O'Connell also from Chicago. I just hope I get an opportunity to be in Boston. Wouldn't be a bit surprised if our Commander Ed Shea made the trip. He just acquired a brand new Caddy, so he will be looking for an opportunity to break it in. Past Commander Paul Walsh has mentioned his desire of attending, especially as he hasn't been back East for quite a few years. Who knows maybe Phoenix will have a good representation. Paul, by the way, is now working at the Veterans' Hospital in Phoenix and being in the mail room is sure to get any communications from any of his old 101st Inf. buddies. It wouldn't surprise me very much if a Miami or Florida Winter Chapter would be formed.

Seems like the boys from New England who have retired hit for the Florida sunshine and beautiful beaches as soon as it gets rough in New England.

Joe Sauriol of old G. Co 101st Inf., is now in North Miami permanently, so being a swell guy and a perfect host I imagine he would be tickled pink to see old friends. Was glad to note the Mike Creszenzo of Atlanta, Ga. is well on his way back to health again. I mentioned in the last issue of "Doings" that we missed the snow here at Xmas, so just to make sure I would see some again I took a 200-mile trip up to the North Country and really saw some. Got quite a kick from making a snow man and a few snowballs. Funny thing, it seems a lot of others from the north had the same idea and we spent a very enjoyable day at 6000 ft.

That height isn't so good for my old ticker, but I managed to survive. Still cannot get our little group together, so cannot report any activities of the Chapter. Meet with Carl Johnson and his wife from time to time and play Samba. Ed Shea made a fast trip over here at Xmas and called me up, but due to many other forms of amusement at that time of year he forgot to come over for a shot and a beer as he faithfully promised. Well that's it. Good luck to you boys in Boston, I know you will give the boys a hot time in Boston. So until we meet again.

—Dinny O'Holbrook

NATIONAL YD AUXILIARY

National President: Irene Melville, 332 Bunker Hill St., Charlestown, Mass.
National Secretary: Marie McDonald, 25 Mead St., Charlestown, Mass.

The regular meeting was held Jan. 17, at the Worcester Chapter quarters and was very well attended.

The wonderful reports of the numerous Hospital Xmas parties were given by the Auxiliary Hospital Chairmen.

We are glad to welcome into our YD family the Norwalk Conn Auxiliary. Congratulatons to Sue Hermon for her perserverance in forming this Auxiliary. Our National President is looking forward to install very soon.

At this meeting Past National President Betty Fallon was appointed National Defense Chairman. We know Betty will do a good job in this project in which she is so interested.

Plans have been made for a Testimonial Dinner to be tendered to Past National President Helen Rae at the YD Club, Boston, Saturday, March 27th.

Tickets may be obtained from Chairman Marie McDonald or Co-Chairman Frances O'Neil.

Next meeting to be held in Boston, Feb. 14th.

Respectfully submitted,

Marie McDonald,
National Secretary

HAVERHILL YDVA AUXILIARY
President: Florence Tarleton
17 Highland Avenue, Haverhill, Mass.

Secretary: Mrs. Leona Flanagan
1 Williams Street, Haverhill, Mass.

After a long vacation we are back again in circulation. We have been very busy in Haverhill. In December we held our usual Beano at the Chelsea Soldiers' Home. Florence Tarleton was in charge. Several of the Auxiliary attended also, the Comrades don't know what we would have done without them.

In January we had our Installation. Florence is our new President. We had the honor of having our Dept. President Mae Butler and her Sergeant-at-Arms, Florence Premo Installing Officers.

A Catered Supper was served and a social hour was enjoyed by all.

Owing to the coldness we have been holding our meetings at the different homes.

Our Christmas Party was held at the home of our new President. Supper was served, gifts were exchanged and

with the weather as it was, ten members attended. We wish to extend our sympathy to Mrs. Frazier of Philadelphia on the death of her husband. Will have more news next writing. Will try to be more prompt.

Carrie E. Rowell,
Auxiliary Treasurer

DEPT. OF MASS. AUXILIARY

President: Mary C. Butler
14 Fairfield St., Worcester, Mass.

Secretary: Mary T. Boyd
413 West Main St., Northboro, Mass.

Dept. President Mary Butler and her Sgt.-at-Arms Florence Premo installed the Haverhill Auxiliary on Jan. 8th. The Dept. Hospital Chairlady Stella Lavallee put on a very successful Coffee Hour at Holyoke Soldiers' Home on Jan. 31st. She is also putting on a horserace party at the Northampton V. A. Hospital on March 31st. Our Hospital Chairlady has had a very busy year and she is certainly appreciated by all the Dept. members. You were great Stella.

In March the meeting will be held in Fitchburg and nomination and election of officers will take place. As this is my last report as Dept. Secretary, I wish the best of luck and success to the next slate of officers.

Respectfully yours,

Mary T. Boyd, *Secy.*

WORCESTER CHAPTER YDVA AUXILIARY

President: Susan M. Noponen
7 Phoebe Way, Worcester, Mass.

Secretary: Mary T. Boyd
413 West Main St., Northboro, Mass.

Our Auxiliary is having two more card parties before this fiscal year ends—one on Feb. 24, and one on March 15, to boost our Hospital Fund. Pres. Noponen wants to thank all the ladies who were so co-operative during her term of office and sends a great big thank you to Joe McGee of our Chapter who assisted her at all our parties by bringing the card tables from the top floor of our club and setting them up in the hall and also taking them back up again after each party.

Joe is one grand guy we have all found out. The Pres. also wishes success to all the officers who will be elected at our next meeting in March, to serve for the coming term. I, too, wish for them all, a very successful year.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary T. Boyd, *Secy.*

SPRINGFIELD YDVA AUXILIARY

President: Florence Patch
98 Alden Street, Springfield, Mass.

Secretary: Ann Valentine
1035 Sumner Avenue, Springfield, Mass.

On February 4th the Springfield Auxiliary put on a very successful Beano Party at Leeds Hospital. Our Rehabilitation Chairman, Catherine Crokan being very ill, in the hospital, at the time, Margaret Scagliarini took over. Cupcakes (donated by the various members of the Auxiliary) and Coke were served. Imagine our surprise when who should greet us but our old friend and member of the Chapter, Frank Regnier. Frank is getting along nicely and wanted to be remembered to everyone.

On February 20th the Chapter had a "Mystery Ride". About 30 attended and after a nice ride of about forty minutes—with Bob Beach in the lead, we stopped at the Ludlow Country Club. We were all pleasantly surprised to find Kit and Tom Crokan there ahead of us. Kit (just out of the hospital) not being able to take the long ride was given the "inside dope" so went directly there. We sure were glad to see her—and she did look wonderful.

A delicious Smorgasbord was served and a pleasant evening with games etc., was had. Our Junior Vice President Dagmar O'Connell, entertained at the piano with such old favorites as "Hinky Dinkey Parley Voo, etc.

Next for Springfield will be a St. Patrick's Card Party on March 16th, this is headed up with Dagmar O'Connell, as chairman, assisted by Jennie Curto, Bernice Douglas and Marge Scagliarini—all World War II girls—but for refreshments two "old timers" Avis Beach and Yours Truly will take over. Everything is to be in keeping with the day—Green for St. Patrick.

With the best of all for everyone, we are,

Yours in YD

Ann Valentine, *Secy.*

MANCHESTER CHAPTER YDVA AUXILIARY

President: Malena Byron
156 Sagamore St., Manchester, N. H.

Secretary: Eva L. Brown
747 Hanover St., Manchester, N. H.

The regular meeting was held on February 11, at the American Legion Hall, Post 79.

Our Junior Vice, Esther Halloran announced that there would be a foodless food sale on March 10th.

Adele Horton was appointed Chairman of Defense.

The stockings for National YDVA Auxiliary were distributed.

The next meeting will be held March 10, at which time a Nominating Committee will present the slate of officers for the coming year.

Respectfully yours,

Eva L. Brown, *Secy.*

DEPT. OF N. H. YDVA AUXILIARY

President: Clarell Lovejoy
36 Tilton Ave., Kittery, Maine
Secretary: Laurice J. Harmon
116 Whipple Road, Kittery, Maine

Regular meeting of the State Dept. of N. H. was held Sunday, January 24th. At American Legion Post No. 79, Manchester, N. H.

The meeting was called to order by President Clarell Lovejoy.

Mystery prize was won by Regina Labombard and a crochet bag donated by Betty Fallon was won by Dorothy Williams both of Nashua, N. H.

The next meeting will be held at Portsmouth, N. H., and we will run a Penny Sale for the benefit of the Biladeau family.

Also nomination of officers will be held at the next meeting.

The Ladies of the Manchester, N. H. Auxiliary served a grand lunch. —Laurice J. Harmon

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MAJ. GEN. CLARENCE R. EDWARDS CHAPTER AUXILIARY

President: Laurice J. Harmon
116 Whipple Road, Kittery, Maine
Secretary: Gertrude H. Drusendahl
Kittery Point, Maine

Both our January and February meetings were presided over by Laurice J. Harmon, President.

Mabel Ross reported that both our Xmas Parties, for the Naval Hospital, and, the Chase Home, were very successful.

Emery York, Evelyn York's son, is in "traction" at the Naval Hospital as a result of an auto accident. Our Aux. members have sent him a box of candies, fruits and etc.

We sent a contribution to the March of Dimes Fund. Also, we have found a needy family in Portsmouth. Several members have contributed to this cause. There are 7 children and, the father is very ill.

We all want to wish Esther and Myron Peabody the best of luck always. The Auxiliary held a "Farewell Party" for them at the home of Mabel Ross. They both will be greatly missed.

Gertrude G. Drusendahl,
Auxiliary Secy.

YDVA AUXILIARY, NEW HAVEN, CONN.

President: Beatrice King
1416 State St., New Haven, Conn.
Secretary: Laura Monnemy
90 Banton St., North Haven, Conn.

New Haven Chapter Auxiliary held its regular Monthly Meeting on the second Monday of the month as per schedule.

Owing to the continued illness of our Jr. Vice Pres., it was considered advisable to postpone our Card Party indefinitely. Treasurer Ann Lundgren has been laid up at her home also for a few weeks.

Appointed a Nominating Committee. A new set of officers to take over soon.

Sincerely,

—Laura Monnemy

626 TANK DESTROYER BATTALION

Our Outfit is planning a Reunion in April and the committee would appreciate it very much if you will publish a notice of it in your magazine which is read by many of our former buddies. The information is listed below.

"626 Tank Destroyer Battalion World War II—Annual Reunion and Banquet. Saturday, April 17, 1954. Metropolitan Hall, Brighton, Mass.

For information and reservations contact Chairman Fred O. White, 18 Spring Park Avenue, Jamaica Plain, Mass."

John J. McKenzie, Jr., *Secy.*

104th COMPANY "G" WW II REUNION

Rise and Shine It Is Daylight in the Swamps

The time for the "G" Company Reunion is drawing near—June 19, 1954.

So far the returns are not too good. We know it's hard to plan in advance sometimes but we would appreciate hearing from you whether you plan to attend or not.

We are sending a double postcard with all the information on it. Please return the return half of the card as soon as possible. This card will be mailed to the men that send in their names, that they wish to attend. This card will be in the final communication this year. This card will be in the mails the 1st of May.

It is our sincere hope that the number will increase greatly this year. It is because of this hope that we are writing you at this time.

The outcome of this reunion will determine the fate of many possible future reunions.

If you are interested, please communicate (just a card) with Peter Poudrier as soon as possible. We are anxious to have you participate and would appreciate your getting others of Company "G" whom you might know to participate in this reunion with us.

Some of the fellows planning to attend this year who were not there last year are the following.

Todd Murphy, 33 Mohawk Dr., Springfield, Mass.
Chet Zawaski, 15 Clark St., Braintree, Mass.
Ken Moyer, 515 Parkway, Schuylkill Haven, Penna.
Mal Hoyt, Box 35, Brunswick, Ga.
Al Stevens, Clay Creek Farm, RFD No. 2 Avondale, Penna.
Mike Justynowicz, 108 No. 8th St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

Address all communications to:

Edward T. Poudrier,
303 Riverside Drive,
Northampton, Mass.

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EUGENE J. THERIAULT, formerly with Co 'H', 104th Inf., WW-I, died Jan. 14, 1954 at Salem, Mass. Pall bearers were YD and Co. H men.

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JOHN F. O'CONNELL, formerly of Co 'G', 101st Inf., WW-I, died Jan. 7, 1954 at Pawtucket, R. I. He was a former member of the Apremont Chapter. Burial was at Worcester, Mass.

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THOMAS C. McGLONE, formerly with Co 'E', 101st Engineers, died at Slocum, R. I., on January 11, 1954.

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FREDERICK H. HUGHES, formerly with the 104th Inf., WW-I (Co not known), died at Brighton, Mass., Jan. 28, 1954.

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JOHN H. GOOD, formerly with Co 'B', 1954, died suddenly at his home in Belmont, Mass., March 2, 1954. He was a former member of the Boston Chapter. He was a partner in the insurance firm of Fairfield & Ellis, Boston.

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EUGENE C. LEMOINE, formerly with the 102nd Inf., died at Stoneham, Mass., on Dec. 17, 1953. He lost an arm in WW-I and his son was killed on Okinawa on June 20, 1954 with the Marines.

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PETER C. FAVREAU, formerly with Hqrs. Co 101st Inf., WW-I, died recently at Lowell, Mass. He was a former member of the Lowell Chapter.

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HARRY T. TURGEON, formerly with Bty 'D', 103rd F.A., died at Portsmouth, N. H., during January, 1954. He was a member of the Portsmouth Chapter. Members of the Chapter read the YD Ritual.

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BRIG. GEN. FRANK J. KILLILEA, formerly with Bty 'C', 102nd F.A., WW-I, died Feb. 25, 1954. He was State Disbursing Officer of the Commonwealth of Mass., for many years.

JACOB ALTMAN, formerly with Co 'D', 104th Inf., WW-I, died Jan. 24, 1954 at Hartford, Conn. He was a member of the Hartford Chapter.

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LEO KILMEK, formerly with Co 'K', 104th Inf., WW-I, died Aug. 30, 1953 at Cleveland, Ohio. He was a former member of the Ohio Chapter YDVA.

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MANNE JOHNSON, formerly with Co 'D', 101st Eng., WW-I, died at the Vets Hospital, Providence, R. I., Jan. 15, 1954. His home was in Warren, R. I.

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FRANK E. PLUMRIDGE, formerly with Co 'I', 102nd Inf., died at Hartford, Conn., May 31, 1953. He was a member of the Hartford Chapter.

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CHARLES "Chick" A. FRAZIER, formerly with Bty 'C', 102nd F.A., WW-I, died suddenly at his home, Jan. 31, 1954. He was a Past Commander of the Philadelphia Chapter and the Chapter met at his Rumpus room, which he had fixed up as a YD room in his basement. The Chapter will miss Chick, because through his efforts he has kept the Chapter going for years.

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DANA M. HUBBARD, formerly with Bty 'C', 103rd F.A., WW-I, died Jan. 26, 1954 at Chicago, Ill. He was a member of the Chicago Chapter YDVA. He was Editor of "The Canner" a trade magazine. He was formerly from R. I.

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BRIG. GEN. FRANCIS J. SHEARER, formerly with the 101st Field Signal Bn., WW-I, died March 8, 1953. Prior to WW-I, Gen. Shearer was a regular army Sgt. and served as instructor to Troop B., Conn. Cavalry (later 101st Mg. Bn.). He was made 1st Lt. Conn. Signal Corps and went overseas with the 101st Signal. During WW-II he was a Colonel on the Staff of the First Corps, Boston. He served as Adj. Gen. Conn. National Guard and retired as a Brig. Gen.

HOLMAN C. STANCHFIELD, formerly with Co 'I', 104th Inf., WW-I, died Feb. 5, 1954 at the Vets. Hospital at Chelsea, Mass. He was a former Past Commander of the Lynn Chapter and a detail of Past Commanders, acted as Bearers.

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ROBERT S. LEATHER, formerly with the 102nd Inf., WW-I, died at Waterbury, Conn.

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ROLAND C. MILLETT, formerly with Bty 'E', 102nd F.A., died Nov. 29, 1954 at Bristol, Conn. He was a member of the Bristol Chapter.

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ARTHUR C. OLSEN, formerly with Co 'E', 102nd Inf., died at the Newington Vets. Hospital, Jan. 14, 1954. He was a former member of the New Britain Chapter.

JUVENILE DELINQUENCY —

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